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A Lone Voice

MR Nuri El Said, Iraqi Prime Minister, is to be commended for his bold denunciation of reckless Arab nationalism and Communist subversion in the Middle East. It is quite obvious that the "foolish lackeys" of Russia he has in mind are Nasser of Egypt and the Syrian President. He condemns them both by name for irresponsibility in international affairs. These are the words of a man of courage.

They are also the words of a lone voice in a hostile wilderness. It must be cheering to the West, however, that there is at least one Arab nation that is realistic and bold enough to condemn the two greatest dangers to peace and stability in the area. Mr Nuri El Said's indictment of Soviet infiltration and his disclosures of how Moscow diplomats went to work in his own country come as a timely warning to Arab states who believe that Russia can help them to independence.

THESE dangers need to be hammered home in countries like Egypt, Syria and Jordan. Unfortunately the Anglo-French action against Egypt has left many Arabs unresponsive to warnings of this kind. The pity is that even Nuri's warning is not likely to evoke much support among Middle Eastern neighbours. His Western affiliations are suspected and he is regarded by many nationalists as an obstacle to Arab unity.

Nehru In USA

MR Nehru's visit to the United States is one that has evoked world-wide interest. It comes at a time when a number of American individuals have made strenuous efforts to clear up misunderstandings in both countries about the other's intentions. "Surely, nothing but advantage can come from it," writes one American commentator. This must be the hope of all in the West, particularly the British Commonwealth. But a glance at the seven topics expected to be discussed by Mr Nehru and Mr Eisenhower is enough to discourage anyone from believing that the two statesmen can unfold a long list of impressive agreements at the end of their meeting.

The point to be made here is that this must not be regarded as the criterion of success. Unfortunately too many will take the absence of them as an indication of failure. Even more regrettable, many will compare the Washington talks with those Mr Nehru has had in Moscow and any sharp contrast noted is almost certain to lead to the wrong conclusion. For example unless Mr Nehru brings promises of the release of all Americans held in China, and it would be surprising if he did, no reasonable person can expect the Indian Premier to influence American policy on China in any way. Again, hydrogen-bomb tests, neutrality, military pacts, the Middle East—and even Hungary—are subjects on which India and America hold differing or conflicting viewpoints. The need, however, is to resolve these differences immediately—plainly an impossible task—than to clear away ossified misconceptions that persist about each other's intentions. These it will be found are the greatest barrier to understanding, and the extent to which this barrier is removed will largely determine the success of this meeting.

Sets Sail On Hunt For Sunken Treasure

Penang, Dec. 16. Captain W. J. Havens, Australian skipper of the yacht *Gold Seeker* left Penang in his yacht today on his second attempt to find sunken gold near Auckland harbour, New Zealand. Captain Havens, who comes from Bellevue Hill, Sydney, believes the gold lies many fathoms down in a Boston clipper, General Grant, which sank in 1866 off Auckland. His first attempt to reach Auckland failed in 1952 when his boat, the *Abstemious*, was wrecked 150 miles north of Port Said. That attempt cost him £2,000 sterling, Captain Havens said.

LUCKY ESCAPE

Captain Havens has already had one lucky escape on this trip—his ship was nearly taken by pirates off the coast of Arabia—and he is taking no chances. "We expect the next part of the trip to be just as dangerous," he said today. "We have a plan to deal with any pirate gang. The *Gold Seeker* is fully armed and fully equipped."

Captain Havens thinks he will have no trouble in finding the sunken clipper. "I know where the old clipper is and I am confident I can locate it," he said. Two crack divers are to join the expedition in Australia, he said. They will use underwater television and other modern salvage equipment.

INTERNATIONAL CREW
Captain Havens said he would divide a part of any treasure found among his international crew. There is an English chief engineer, J. R. Wilson, of 239 Portman Road, Mablethorpe, Lincoln, and a Swedish chief mate, Ebbe Johansson, of Landstigen 13, Stockholm.

Other members include an Irishman, Arthur Danaher, of Tipperary, Ireland, and a Welshman, Bob Abernethy, of 47 Lake Avenue, Mountain States, South Wales.

Asked what he would do if his second treasure hunt failed too, Captain Havens said: "I will try again. I am a bachelor and I am used to taking knocks from one part of the world to another."—Reuter.

Soviet Protests To US

Paris, Dec. 16. The Soviet news agency tonight published the text of a Soviet note delivered to the United States in Washington yesterday, strongly protesting against the alleged violation of Soviet air space by three American B-57 jet aircraft last Tuesday.

The Soviet note said the American aircraft should not have lost their bearings during the flight, because weather conditions were clear and visibility good.

"The violation by American aircraft of the Soviet Union's air space can be regarded only as a deliberate action by the United States military authorities, with obvious reconnaissance purposes, which can only aggravate the international situation in the Far East."

Tass said the Soviet Union had lodged a strong protest against this alleged violation of Soviet air space and had warned the United States that it would be fully responsible for the consequences of any future violations.—France-Press.

Fire Razes Third Of Village

Munsal, Dec. 17. Fire wiped out nearly one-third of this small Korean village yesterday, destroying from 50 to 70 houses and making some 400 people homeless. The police said, however, that there were no serious casualties.

ANGLO-FRENCH CREWS BARRED

New York, Dec. 16. Egypt today held to her decision not to allow British and French technicians to work on the Suez Canal clearance project, while reiterating her willingness to have the British and French salvage fleet employed.

A statement attributed to Dr Mahmoud Fawzi the Egyptian Foreign Minister, and read to correspondents by an Egyptian spokesman said it was in the interests of the

Anglo-French technicians' own safety that the Egyptian government was not ready to agree to their employment.

The statement said they would be working in the area which had "the biggest share of the ravages of the recent aggression against Egypt and has very severely sustained losses and sufferings, including the killing of women, children and other civilians and the destruction of property and installations."

The statement said the Egyptian government was ready to approve the use

of all equipment and salvage ships required for the clearance job, "irrespective of origin and without excluding British equipment and salvage ships."

Asked whether Egypt still insisted that the last British, French and Israeli troops must be withdrawn before clearance work could begin, the spokesman said this question was "academic."

Questioned about British and French charges of maltreatment of their civilians in Egypt, the

spokesman said these assertions were based on a "propaganda campaign of unfounded reports." He denied that there had been any maltreatment. The spokesman was also asked about the "underground" fighters who have been harassing British and French forces. He said they were not a part of the Egyptian army, but were "people who are against the British and French and are doing these things on their own."

He said as soon as withdrawals were complete, the Egyptian government would undertake to protect

the lives of all residents, as it had always done.

The statement was made after Dr Fawzi had had talks with Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, the United Nations Secretary-General.

Mr Hammarskjöld also conferred at length today on the clearance of the Suez Canal and United Nations operations in Egypt with Mr Andrew Cordier, his executive assistant, Dr Ralph Bunche, United Nations Under-Secretary, and Colonel A. G. Katzin, one of his top advisers.—Reuter.

TRAIN DISASTER: SABOTAGE SUSPECTED

Taguasco, Cuba, Dec. 17. Two speeding passenger trains collided head-on near this central Cuban provincial town today in a wreck that killed 19 persons and injured 18. Officials suspected sabotage.

A wrongly-set switch—believed to have been thrown by anti-government saboteurs—threw an express train headed for Havana into the path of a passenger train on the way to the eastern provincial capital of Santiago.

The wreck occurred at 9.40 a.m., between Taguasco and Jaitonico. All of the victims were believed to be Cuban. The locomotive of the Santiago-bound train smashed into the first passenger coach of the express, causing most of the casualties. Wounded survivors of the wreck were being treated in the towns of Jaitonico, Sancti Spiritus and Ciego de Avila, all in Camaguey Province, southeast of the Cuban capital.

INVESTIGATION

Authorities ordered an investigation to determine whether the trains were wrecked deliberately by enemies of President Fulgencio Batista.

If the wreck proves to be the work of saboteurs, it will be the latest of a daily series of attempts to damage and destroy property reported in various parts of Cuba since a revolt started in Santiago late in November. The revolt was crushed last week.

Although there have been numerous instances of damage to railways and other communication facilities, today's wreck was the first case in which destruction blamed on saboteurs caused a heavy loss of human life. Camaguey is one of the four Cuban provinces where the government proclaimed martial law last week and imposed censorship.—United Press.

Petrol Prices Up

Paris, Dec. 16. Prices of petroleum products will go up in France tomorrow. The Ministry of Industry and Commerce announced today a six-franc-a-litre increase in petrol. Paraffin and lubricating oil are among other petroleum products hit by the price increases.—France-Press.

POLICE SLAIN

Casablanca, Dec. 16. Five Moroccan policemen were killed and seven persons were wounded today in a clash between police and civilians in the new Arab quarter of Casablanca. Two wounded policemen were in a serious condition.—France-Press.

PORT SAID BATTLE: 100 DEAD

Grim Sequel To Slaying Of British Officer

Port Said, Dec. 16. British tanks and infantrymen in Port Said attacked Egyptian suicide commandos in a "merciless" four-hour battle last night and early today that left as many as 100 dead on both sides. The clash in the heart of the city's Arab quarter followed a series of 26 incidents climaxed by the slaying of a British major in an ambush.

When the battle ended, the British and French forces here withdrew behind protective barbed wire entanglements near the waterfront and turned over all but one-sixth of the city to 1,800 United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF) troops. UNEF officials said they believed they could control the city, although at least two of their patrols have been attacked.

There was no indication when the 5,000 British still here would withdraw. The 2,000 French troops were expected to pull out within 48 hours.

As many as 1,000 Egyptian police were being called in to help control the populace as the Anglo-French forces departed. The Egyptian Fedayeen (suicide commandos) stepped up their activities as the slow withdrawal progressed.

Their attacks yesterday with rockets, machineguns and grenades sent British commandos sweeping through the Arab quarter in a round-up that netted 1,000 men.

Then the commandos attacked a patrol and killed the British major leading it.

Counter-attack

The British counter-attacked. A battalion of the Royal Scots regiment charged the Arab quarter and began battling house to house at 10.30 last night. Tanks and guns slammed away in the area. Machineguns stitched the sides of the buildings.

Some shots struck into the UNEF headquarters but there were no casualties. One UNEF officer described the British attack as "merciless" and said he counted at least 27 bodies. Most estimates ran as high as 100 killed and wounded. Egyptian sources said 30 persons were killed.

Centurion tanks rumbled into the alleys and streets of the quarter, adding the thunder of their guns to the din of battle. By 2.30 a.m. it was over. The British withdrew behind the tangled barbed wire at the waterfront.

A Warning

All persons were warned not to come close to the barricade under threat of being shot. But just when the British would evacuate the one-sixth of the city they still held was a closely-guarded secret.

An Anglo-French spokesman at headquarters on Cyprus denied as "non-sense" a report by Egyptian officials in Cairo that the withdrawal was to be completed today.

Mr Gen. Sir Hugh Stockwell, the Anglo-French commander, said he would allow 350 Egyptian policemen into Port Said on Tuesday and another 350 in on Wednesday.

Earlier he had stated police would be permitted to enter the city to control the populace two days before the evacuation. UNEF Chief of Staff, Col. Walter Landis, said in Cairo that 1,000 police would be sent to Port Said and 100 to the Suez Canal zone.

Wash Children's Hair Or Face Prosecution Threat

Huddersfield, Dec. 16. The Medical Officer of Health for this Yorkshire wool town, Dr J. A. Murdoch, has threatened parents that he will prosecute them if they do not wash their children's hair.

Reporting an increase of 10 per cent in the number of children with verminous heads, Dr Murdoch said: "It is interesting to note that the number of these cases occur in girls of the older age group."

"One would have thought that girls of this age group would have ensured the cleanliness of their hair."

"It is said that many of these girls have their hair permed, then loathe to wash in the mistaken belief that washing will be deleterious to their artificial curls."

"The legal machinery exists and we shall use it."—China Mail Special.

INDIA AS A BRIDGE, NOT A LEADER—NEHRU

Washington, Dec. 16. Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, India's Prime Minister, said here tonight that India wanted to be a "bridge"—but not a leader in world affairs.

Speaking in Hindi to Washington's Indian community a few hours after he arrived for talks with President Eisenhower, the Prime Minister said: "Often in America the papers say that India wants to be the leader of Asia."

"We do not want to be a leader—neither do we want to be under the leadership of anyone else."

"There is so much fear, jealousy and violence in the world that it is good to have a bridge (between nations), which India is."

NON-INTERFERENCE

An unofficial translation of Mr Nehru's remarks was given to correspondents later by an Indian Embassy official.

Mr Nehru said India's role was one of non-interference in the affairs of other nations.

"We have to develop our country and we have to do this with peaceful methods, not by interfering with others, nor by going as a leader."

"We want to make friends and keep friends. The test of friendship is to keep it when we do not agree."

He added: "Countries have to agree not to interfere with one another. They must exist together and they must not be subject to aggression from outside. Unless these five principles are accepted, there will be conflict."

"Conflicts happened in Egypt and Hungary because external pressures were brought to bear on them," Mr Nehru said.

5-YEAR PLAN

Discussing India's economy, he said the successful five-year plan was modest, but the second plan was much bigger and India would have to work much harder.

DOCTOR ARRESTED ON CHARGE OF HIGH TREASON

Capetown, Dec. 16. Dr H. M. Moses, Johannesburg medical practitioner, and former secretary of the South African Indian Congress, was arrested here today on a charge of high treason as he was about to attend the wedding of his sister-in-law.

Dr Moses was arrested by special branch detectives of the Criminal Investigation Department. Dr Moses had been seen from Johannesburg to attend the wedding.

Since December 5, a total of 150 people of all races have been arrested in South Africa on charges of high treason.—Reuter.

26 Killed By Terrorists

Algiers, Dec. 16. A total of 26 people, including many Europeans, were killed and 37 wounded in Algeria this weekend in one of the worst series of terrorist attacks since the Algerian uprising began two years ago.

Four Europeans and two Moslems were killed, and 10 Europeans and three Moslems wounded in 10 attacks in Algiers and suburbs over the weekend.

Eleven policemen were killed and eight wounded when insurgents ambushed a rural police convoy near Tablat, 100 miles south of here yesterday. It was reported here today.

French sources said that eight Moslem women and children were burned alive by insurgents near Medea in the Oran region.

A 10-year-old boy was killed and 16 other Europeans injured when a grenade was thrown into a cinema at Boufarik, 20 miles south of here today.

Police reported the arrest of 19 alleged terrorists in an eastern suburb of Algiers.—Reuter.

Doctors' Threat

Vienna, Dec. 16. Austrian doctors today threatened to go on strike unless they were consulted on the contents of a new law on hospitals. The doctors said the strike would start on Tuesday, December 18, unless assurances were given before tomorrow that the Committee of the Medical Corps would be consulted in drawing up the new law.—France-Press.

All's Well After Minor Engine Trouble

Honolulu, Dec. 16. A Pan American DC-7C with 61 Korean American orphans among the 115 persons aboard had "minor" engine trouble en route from Seoul, but landed here today without incident.

The pilot radioed at about 3.30 a.m. that he was feathering one of the *Clipper's* four engines as a "precautionary measure" west of Midway Island. He said the plane was in no serious trouble but Coast Guard planes were sent from here and Wake to escort the transport as "a matter of routine."

Pan American officials said the flight was the first non-stop commercial run from Seoul to Honolulu. The plane touched down at 10.10 a.m., 14 hours and 40 minutes after leaving Kimpo Airfield in Seoul.

The DC-7C carried 14 adults and a crew of 10 in addition to the orphans, who ranged in age from six months to nine years. Pan America said the children used 552 diapers and were fed milk, rice and chopped meat. Thirteen of them were travelling without parents.—United Press.

Armed Workers

Paris, Dec. 16. Police services in Hungarian mines have been reinforced by "armed workers" to ensure security, Budapest radio announced this evening.

The radio said the government's "doublet" policy of bolstering security in the way had caused unrest among the miners and that an explanation had been given to restore calm.—France-Press.

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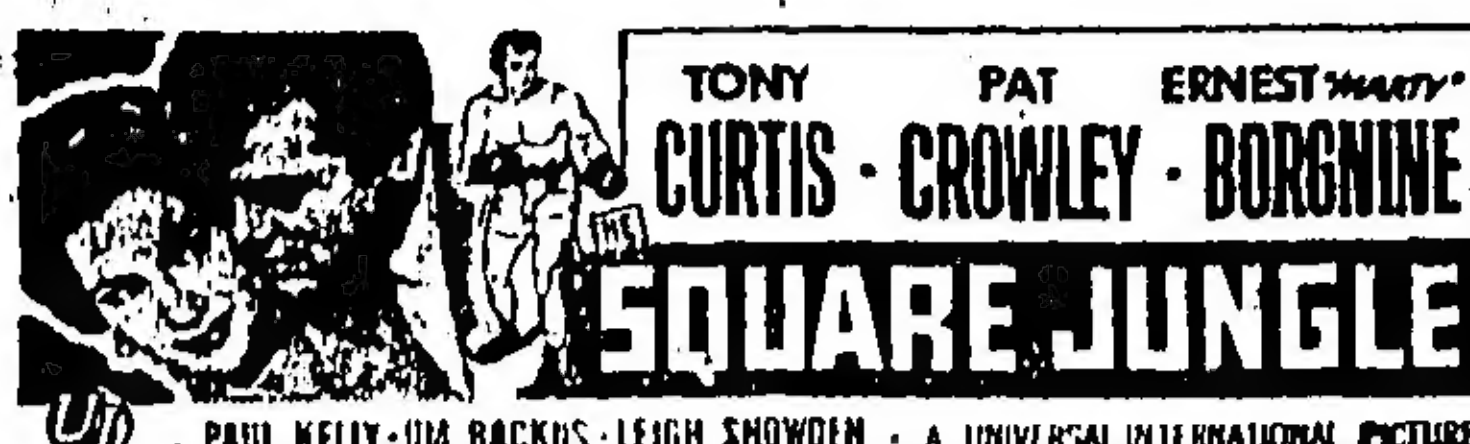
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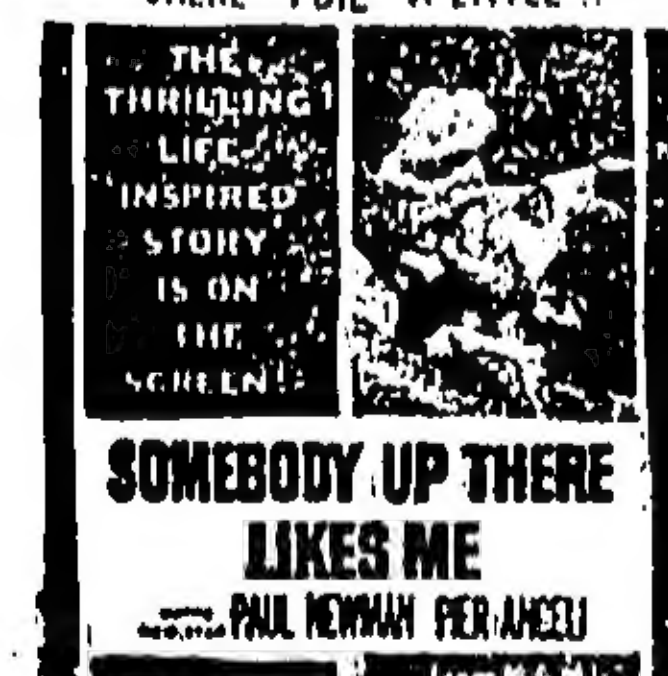
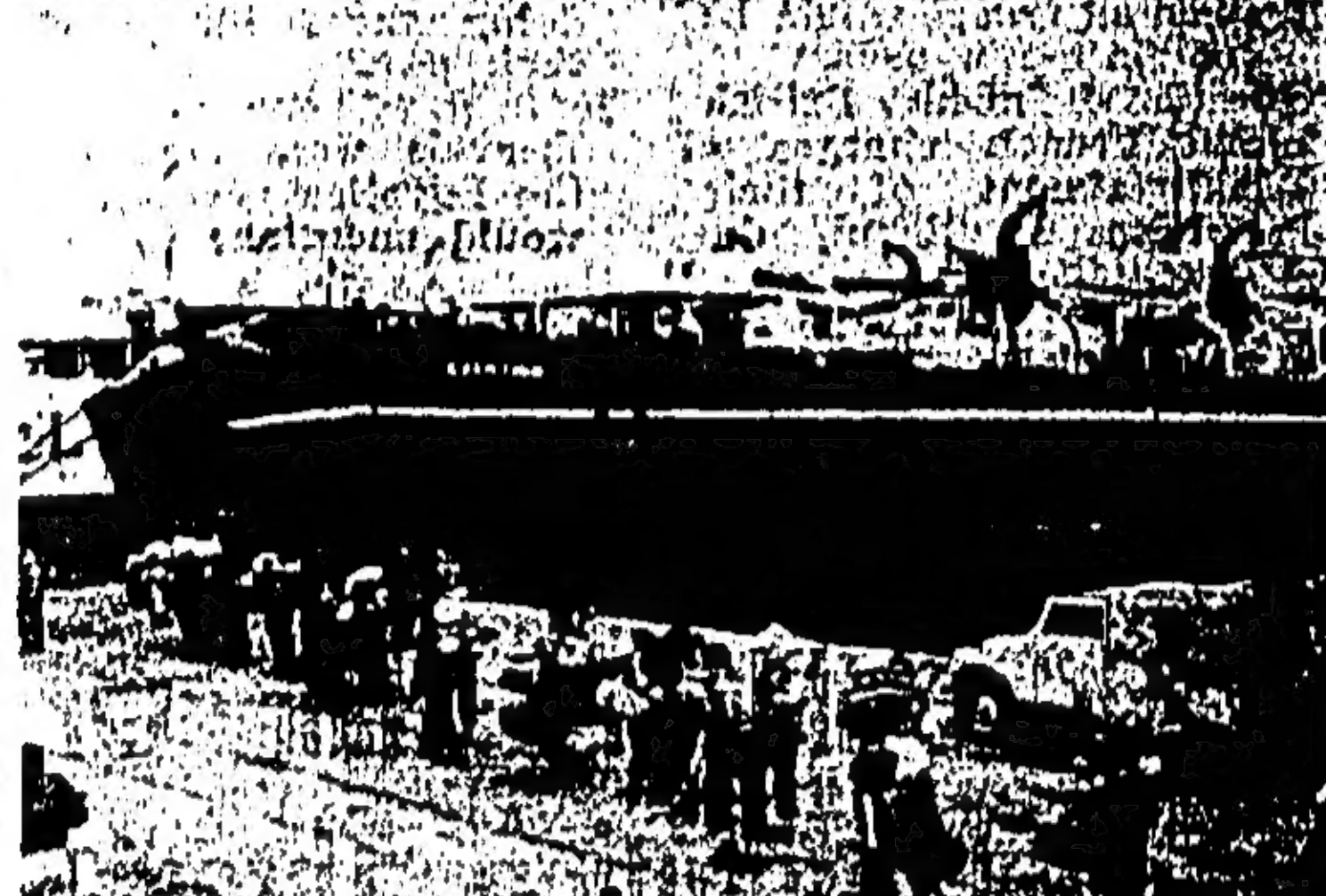
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Bustling with activity in Port Said, as the British and French prepare to leave, and the United Nations forces assume increasing police duties. Picture top shows some of the UN Colombian contingent which arrived; picture bottom shows members of Britain's Royal Engineers preparing the same day to sail from Port Said. — Express Photo.

POLAND FACING
INFLATION
APPEAL TO NATION

Paris, Dec. 16.

Polish leaders have been desperately appealing to workers and peasants to prevent inflation and complete chaos in the country.

Appeals to the people to aid the government to overcome the serious difficulties facing the country have been increasing. Jacques Frawin, Deputy Director of the Bank of Poland, recently warned that the Polish national economy was threatened with inflation and complete chaos.

This threat was increased, he said, by wage claims. The Government, he added, could no longer provide enough goods for the country's markets.

Earlier, Vladislav Gomułka, First Secretary of the Polish Workers (Communist) Party, had stated that the meeting of wage claims had been tantamount to gutting money into circulation without meeting it with an equivalent value in goods—in other words, inflation.

Mining Industry

Recently, Radio Warsaw described the situation in industry and mining as "catastrophic", stating the wage increases were often causing a drain of funds set aside for investment. An official source has announced that the plan for coal production during the last three months of this year will not be carried out fully. The reason given is the falling off of work discipline and the difficulty in recruiting miners.

The same source added, however, that production was up, compared with that during the corresponding period of last year.

As regards agriculture, Radio Warsaw has stated that the movement towards the dissolution of collectives is frequently being accompanied by the sabotaging of materials and the harvest.

Three Points

The Government is organising a three-point effort to meet these difficulties.

1. Reorganisation of the production system, at the same time calling on workers and peasants to play their part fully in the general effort, in particular by not striking.
2. Concentration on the development of the consumer

UN TROOPS ADVANCE INTO SINAI

Israelis Say
Yugoslavs
Gone Too Far

Belgrade, Dec. 16.

The Yugoslav semi-official news agency Yugopress said today that Yugoslav troops in the Sinai Peninsula had no intention of withdrawing from their present positions despite Israeli protests that they had advanced too far.

The news agency said that the Yugoslav units now advancing from the Suez Canal as part of the United Nations Emergency Force only reached their present positions with the greatest difficulty.

It alleged that the Israelis were destroying communications in the face of the Yugoslav advance. On December 14, Israeli units blew up a road across part of the Sinai Desert at the moment when Yugoslav troops were to cross, it said.

Minefields

It said the Yugoslavs were exposed to minefields not marked on Israeli maps given to the United Nations Commander, Major-General E.L.M. Burns.

The news agency also alleged that Israeli soldiers blew up a railway station building at Bir el Humani together with people they had previously herded inside.

Yugoslav soldiers were finding human corpses being devoured by hyenas and vultures. Yugopress said that although details were lacking about destruction in the Southern Sinai, "from some reports it can be concluded that equipment has been taken and destroyed in the oilfields—equipment which was not even Egyptian property."

The news agency said it was hoped that General Burns' visit to Jerusalem and his report to Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, United Nations Secretary-General, would hinder Israeli units from carrying out further destruction of goods in the Sinai Peninsula.

Strong Patrols

The Yugoslav official news agency Tanjug in a despatch from Cairo earlier today also said Israeli troops were destroying communications and installations in the peninsula.

Tanjung added that Israel was sending strong patrols almost to the very positions occupied by Yugoslav units.—Reuters.

2nd Bandung
Conference

Paris, Dec. 16.

Syrian Premier, Sabri Azzali, said today that the Syrian Government shortly intends to call a new conference of all the countries who took part in the first Bandung conference, the Egyptian radio reported today.

In an interview given to the radio's representative in Damascus, Azzali said these countries must "once and for all uproot colonialism" in the African and Asian continents.—France-Press.

SOCIALISTS
SUPPORT
MOLLET

Paris, Dec. 16.

The National Congress of the French Socialist Party tonight adopted a resolution approving the policy of the Socialist-led government of Premier Guy Mollet by an overwhelming majority.

In another resolution, the Congress voted to "laude" the French Communist Party, because of its "approval of the criminal Soviet aggression in Hungary."

The general policy motion supporting the Government was adopted by 3,247 votes to 270 with 28 abstentions. It praised the Government's social and Algerian policy and the action taken in the Middle East crisis.

It said that in all these fields, the Government had followed the programme laid down by the previous Socialist Party congresses this year.

On Algeria, the resolution called on the Government's Socialist Prime Minister to speed up the implementation of measures already decided on to reach a "political, peaceful, Democratic and negotiated solution" to the problem.

On the Egyptian crisis, the resolution approved the Government's action in "showing the free world the threat to peace," constituted by the Egyptian dictator, Colonel Nasser, allied to the Soviet Union.—France-Press.

Communist
Arrested

Paris, Dec. 16.

Leo Figueres, a member of the Central Committee of the French Communist Party, was arrested by the police today when he alighted from a train in Albi station.

The warrant for Figueres' arrest was issued by the Paris military tribunal and it was understood that he would be transferred to Paris shortly.

The reason for the arrest was not immediately known. Figueres, 37 years old, is a former French Deputy for the Eastern Pyrenees Department, France-Press.

Over 50 Arrested
In Argentina

Buenos Aires, Dec. 16.

More than 50 persons, including former Peronist officials and retired army and police personnel, have been arrested during the past 24 hours in the provinces of Tucuman, Santa Fe and Entre Rios, press reports said today.

The round-up followed the appearance of a wave of pamphlets inciting workers to strike and announcing the return of ex-President Juan Peron. The pamphlets were similar to those distributed in the Buenos Aires area earlier this week.

Packing-house Strike

The arrests were carried out by federal police and army intelligence services. Among those arrested was a former provincial Senator, Enrique Crespo of the Peronist Party, in Concordia and a lawyer, Alfredo Falun, in Tucuman.

At least 30 persons were arrested and jailed in Santa Fe, capital of the province of the same name, and a number of retired non-commissioned army officers and police were arrested in Concordia.

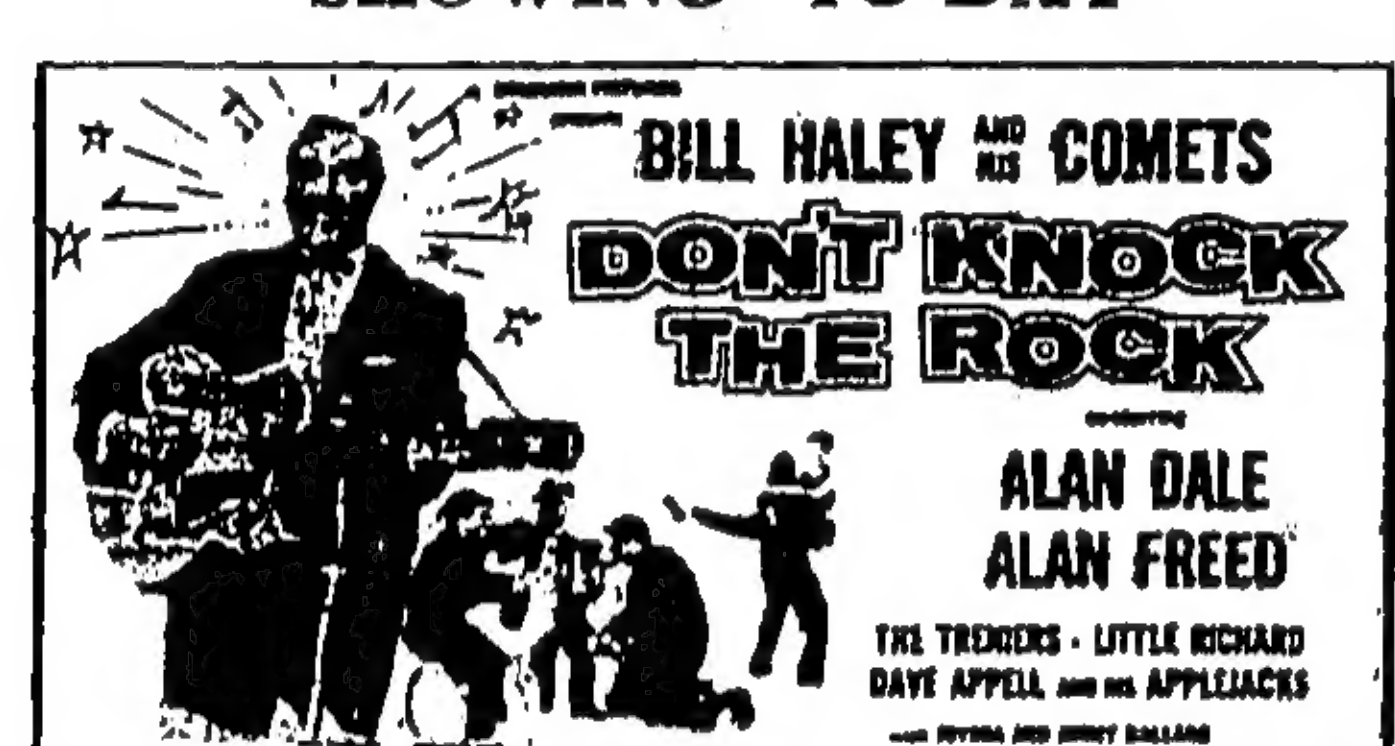
Some 3,800 packing-house strikers voted early today to return to work tomorrow, apparently breaking the back of

Sporadic Violence

Sporadic violence, mostly in the form of protest bombings, accompanied the strike, but no casualties were reported. The latest instance occurred last night when gunmen fired a volley of shots at two policemen in a suburban town. Neither policeman was hit.—United Press.

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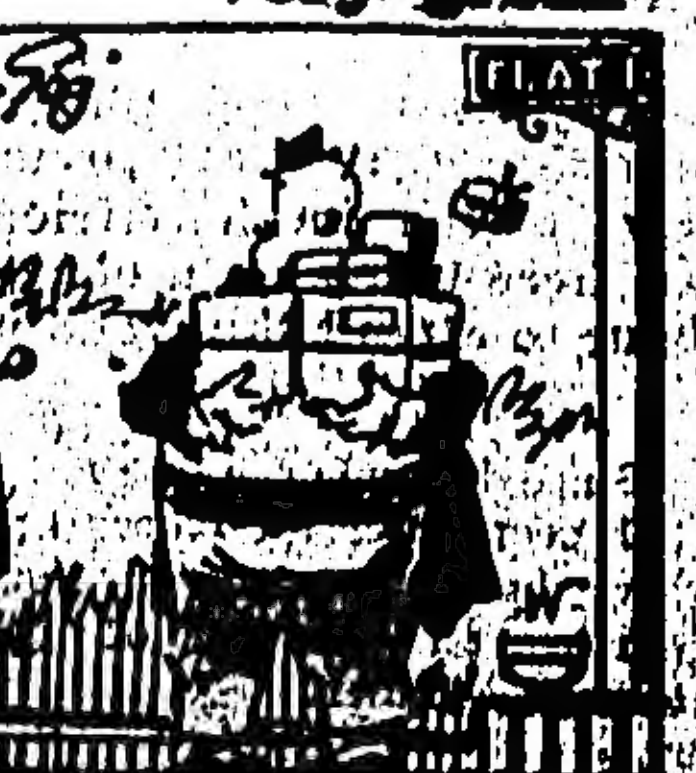
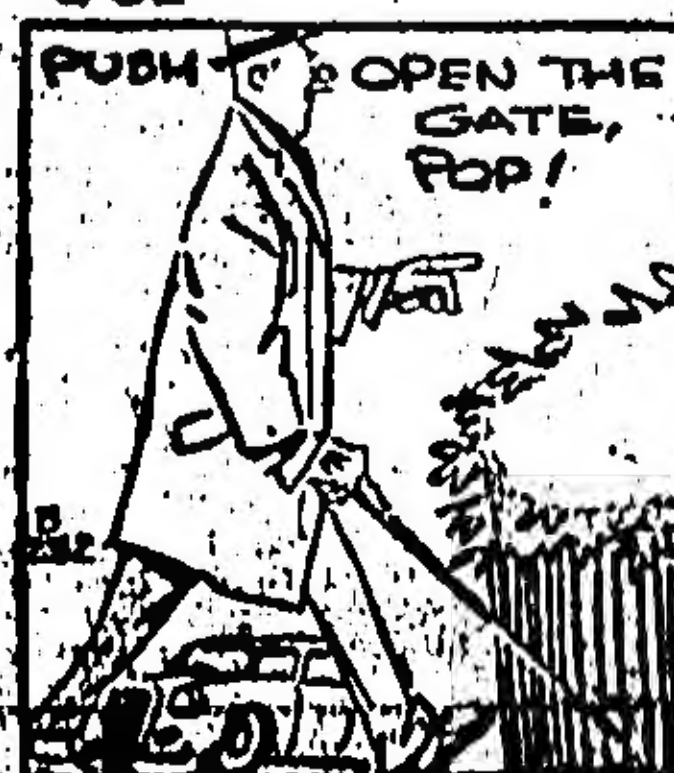
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SOVIET MIDDLE EAST PENETRATION

SHOULD BE RESISTED

Washington, Dec. 16.

The National Planning Association said today the United States, "even at the risk of war", should resist any entry of Soviet military power in the Middle East.

The "grim alternative," it said, "is to hand the Middle East over to the Soviet Union without a struggle." It said the ultimate choice lies between "capitulation or fighting a war under the most unfavourable possible circumstances."

The Association, a non-profit, non-partisan organization, conducts studies and makes reports on critical economic and foreign policy issues.

Definition Wanted

The NPA's International Committee, appealing for a "definition" of US foreign policy in the area said the struggle between freedom and despotism "may be determined in the Middle East."

It said Russia is engaged in a "determined effort" to bring the Middle East under its control. The success of these efforts, the NPA said, would involve a shift in power relations "gravely to the disadvantage of the peoples both of the Middle East and of the Western world."

Western Europe, dependent upon Middle East oil would be exposed immediately, it said. Apart from the challenge to American economic interests, the NPA said, a "such weakening of US allies would constitute a serious, if not vital threat to our own security."

The NPA said US emergency moves to ship oil to Western Europe and provide financial aid to short-term nations still leave "the fear of the policy of our government" in regard to the area where the emergency originated.

It proposed two "primary objectives" as "preconditions" for resisting in the ultimate aim of fostering the welfare of Middle East peoples.

One called for completion of arrangements for assured use of the Suez Canal. The other proposed the removal of conditions which have led to "repeated violations of the Arab-Israeli armistice."

Remain in Egypt

It proposed that the United States seek to attain these objectives within the framework of the United Nations if "humanly possible." The government, it said, also should make clear that it feels the UN Emergency Force should remain in Egypt until a settlement of these long-range objectives has been reached.

But it said settlement of these problems holds little

promise as long as "Soviet agitation and interference" is countenanced in the Middle East.

The United States would take "an immense step forward," it said, if it once agreed to prevent domination of the area "by all appropriate diplomatic, economic and ideological means, and even at the risk of war, resist any incursion of Soviet military power into the area."

The US stand should hold, it said, whether such Soviet military power took the form of "so-called volunteers" or through the gradual though disguised transformation of such states as Syria or Egypt into Soviet-dominated bases.

Consistent

Once the US position is made clear, the NPA said, "we shall be better able to deal with the other vexing problems of the region."

The United States must insist, it said, on a settlement of the Suez Canal dispute "consistent with our recognition of Egyptian sovereignty" and which would protect Canal users.

It said the United States, Britain and France "should stand firmly behind our commitment to maintain the existence of Israel within the present armistice lines."

Vital Interest

A "vital national interest" is at stake in the Middle East, the NPA warned. "We shall not avoid war unless we are willing in defence of a vital national interest to take the risk of war."

Among NPA committee members signing the Middle East foreign policy statement were: NPA committee chairman Frank Altschul, board chairman of the General American Investors Co; Solomon Barkin, research director of the AFL-CIO Textile Workers Union; August Heckscher, executive director, The Twentieth Century Fund; Isador Lubin, commissioner of Labour of New York State; John C. McClintock, assistant vice-president, United Fruit Co; Robert A. Whitney, president, National Sales Executives, Inc; and H. Christman Soren, president, South Ridge Corp., and chairman of NPA's Board of Trustees.—United Press.

Independence For Hungarian Farmers

Paris, Dec. 16.

Radio Budapest reported tonight that the Hungarian Government had decided to suppress two agricultural ministries and to give state farms greater independence.

The two departments suppressed were the Ministry for Collection of Agricultural Products and that for State Farms. The radio said tonight that a number of persons had been arrested in the town of Eger during a police inquiry, opened after the bloody incidents which took place there last week.

The broadcasts said those arrested were "suspected of having taken part in the revolt or of having incited students and workers in Eger to commit acts of terrorism."

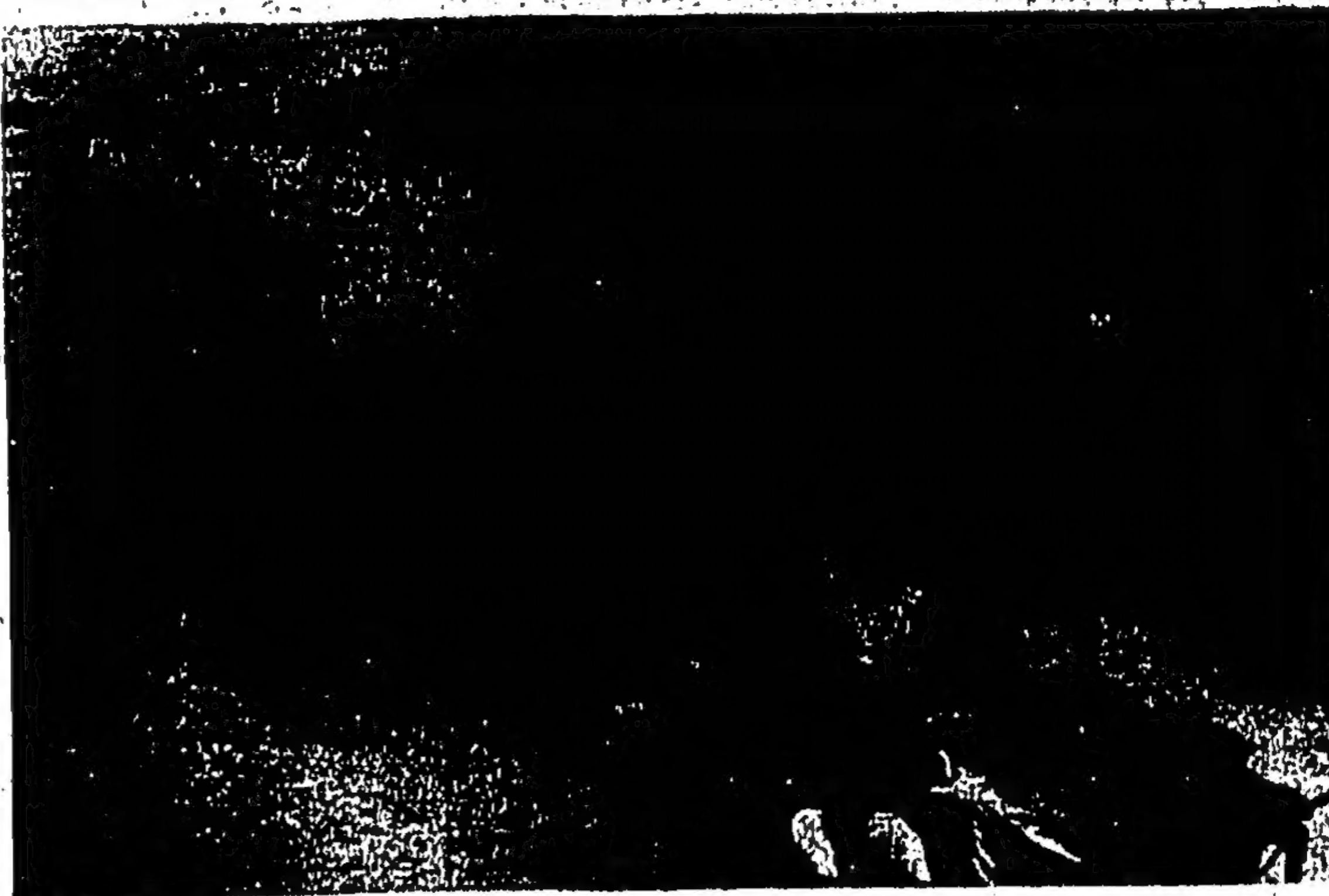
COAL PRODUCTION

Radio Budapest also reported that an agreement has been reached between the Budapest slaughter-house and the Tata slaughter-house, by which the slaughter-house would deliver four truck-loads of lard in exchange for a truck-load of coal per day.

The radio said that coal production in mines in the North Hungarian region had increased and that 2,825 tons were mined there yesterday—an increase of 400 tons on Friday's production.

Meanwhile, the newspaper Nepszombat was quoted by the Hungarian news agency, MTI, as saying that but only one and a half million tons of coal had been produced in the country since the end of the war.

Israeli Forces Leave Sinai



One result of the Suez cease-fire is that Israeli forces have been evacuating the Sinai peninsula, the invasion of which sparked off the crisis. Pictured is a column of Israeli artillery withdrawing along a road.—Express Photo.

UN Forces Prepare For Christmas

By DAVID DISHAI

Abu Suweir, Egypt, Dec. 16.

For the UN soldier stationed out here in the desert there is but one pressing thought on his mind, and it has nothing to do with the United Nations operation in Egypt.

Betting fever is spreading wildly through the Abu Suweir camp as Christmas draws near, and the blue chip among camp bookies is Port Said, with Sinai a close runner up. But the soldiers are earnestly hoping it will be Port Said, where there are more chances of a merrier Christmas eve than in the Sinai wilderness or in the Abu Suweir all-male camp.

The Canadian housekeeping unit, stationed in Abu Suweir in charge of entire United Nations Emergency Force supplies, has already started drawing up UNEF's Christmas menu. On it will be a Christmas turkey with all the trimmings: apple pie, beef and cakes. There will also be an extra ration of cigarettes on the occasion. But that is all the UNEF Command can do for the soldiers. The rest they will have to provide for themselves.

Hugging Guitar

And the troops have already set about to do that. Small groups are formed after dinner every night at the soldiers' mess. Each group surrounds a Colombian hugging a guitar and they start rehearsing Christmas carols.

But as the night advances and the number of empty beer bottles increases, the choir grows more and more out of focus. Some are following the guitar and others are trying to have the guitar follow them. And the guitar keeps falling off Christmas carols and wandering about playing some hot South American music.

The result is usually something like Silent Night sung to the beat of hot potato Mambo. Then the small groups all fall

into a big one and everybody sings in his own language. This is probably one of the very rare occasions when Silent Night is sung by one choir in Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, English and Colombian languages all at once.

Choirs Selected

Usually at that time a few sergeants show up and they shove everybody back to his camp.

But that is not the way it always happens. Unit officers selected their contingents' choir and serious rehearsing is already underway. The camp bazaar set to Cairo for Christmas trimmings and Egyptian articles which soldiers can send home as gifts.

The hunt for a jazz band produced one Swedish piano player, a Canadian clarinet blower and two Colombian guitarists. One Norwegian soldier applied as a drummer but there were no drums around the camp.

Although the potentialities of the Abu Suweir camp are limited, the soldiers are quite enthusiastic about preparations for Christmas. There are no movies in the camp.

No Hikes

Life is also quite easy for the UNEF soldier. There aren't hikes through the desert in full combat equipment, no extra drill and no military policemen.

The lack of facilities apparently will not prevent UNEF soldiers from making Christmas Eve as noisy and merry as any Christmas Eve at home.—United Press.

Adenauer To See Ike

Hamburg, Dec. 17. The independent right-wing newspaper, Die Welt reported today that Dr Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, intended to have talks with President Eisenhower in Washington early next year.

The newspaper said the American Ambassador in Bonn, Mr James B. Conant, and his deputy, would leave this week for talks in Washington. Since Mr Conant's return was planned for February the newspaper concluded that Dr Adenauer would arrive in Washington during January.

There was no official comment on the report.—Router.

Maltreatment Of Allied Nationals

New York, Dec. 17.

Britain and France will confer with their West European allies at the United Nations today about Egypt's alleged maltreatment and expulsion of British and French nationals.

Delegates said that if the Allies agreed the issue might be put before the General Assembly later today as an emergency item.

British informants denied reports that the United States had tried to dissuade Britain and France from taking their complaint to the General Assembly because of the risk of "opening old wounds." The sources said America was "very sympathetic."

Egyptian Jews had been expelled was equally incorrect. "Not hundreds, but thousands have been given the harsh alternative of leaving or being imprisoned," he said.—Reuter & United Press.

Japan Joins United Nations Tomorrow

New York, Dec. 17.

Japan will become the 80th member of the United Nations tomorrow, probably by unanimous vote.

Immediately afterwards, the Japanese delegation headed by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Shigemitsu, will take its place behind one of the banks of green-trimmed desks in the huge, green-carpeted General Assembly hall.

Mr. Shigemitsu will make a speech of acceptance, which is expected to range over world problems and pledge the Japanese Government and people to contribute to the full in efforts to solve them.

The United States plans to introduce the formal resolution to elect Japan.

UNANIMOUS

Her application was unanimously endorsed by the 11-nation Security Council last Wednesday, ending a four and a half year deadlock created by the Soviet veto against Japan's admission, in face of overwhelming support from other nations.

Japan could have been formally voted into membership by a plenary session of the Assembly shortly afterwards, but it was understood that the Tokyo Government preferred to wait until after Mr. Shigemitsu reached New York. He arrived here yesterday.

Delegates have hailed Japan's entry as an important milestone in United Nations history, enabling this great Asian power to play her full role in world affairs.—Reuter.

Observers

France has already submitted a resolution asking the UN to take immediate measures—including the possible dispatch of observers—to get the Egyptian Government to respect the rights of French nationals.

The American Jewish Congress today called on the UN Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, to publish immediately "such information as he may have regarding the plight of Egyptian Jewry."

The AJC President, Dr. Israel Goldstein, made the request in a telegram to Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, head of the US delegation to the UN, asking that he urged Mr. Hammarskjöld to make such information available.

Meanwhile, the World Jewish Congress claimed it possessed "official lists" of Jewish property sequestered by Egypt as well as the names of Egyptian Government custodians now administering such property. Commenting on a denial last Thursday at the Washington Press Club by the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Dr. Mahmoud Fawzi, that Jewish property in Egypt had been confiscated, Dr. Maurice Perle of the World Jewish Congress said today:

Calculated Deception

"I challenge the Egyptian Foreign Minister to say they (the properties) will be returned, otherwise his denial of confiscation must be condemned as a calculated deception of public opinion."

Dr. Perle charged that Dr. Fawzi's statement that only 280

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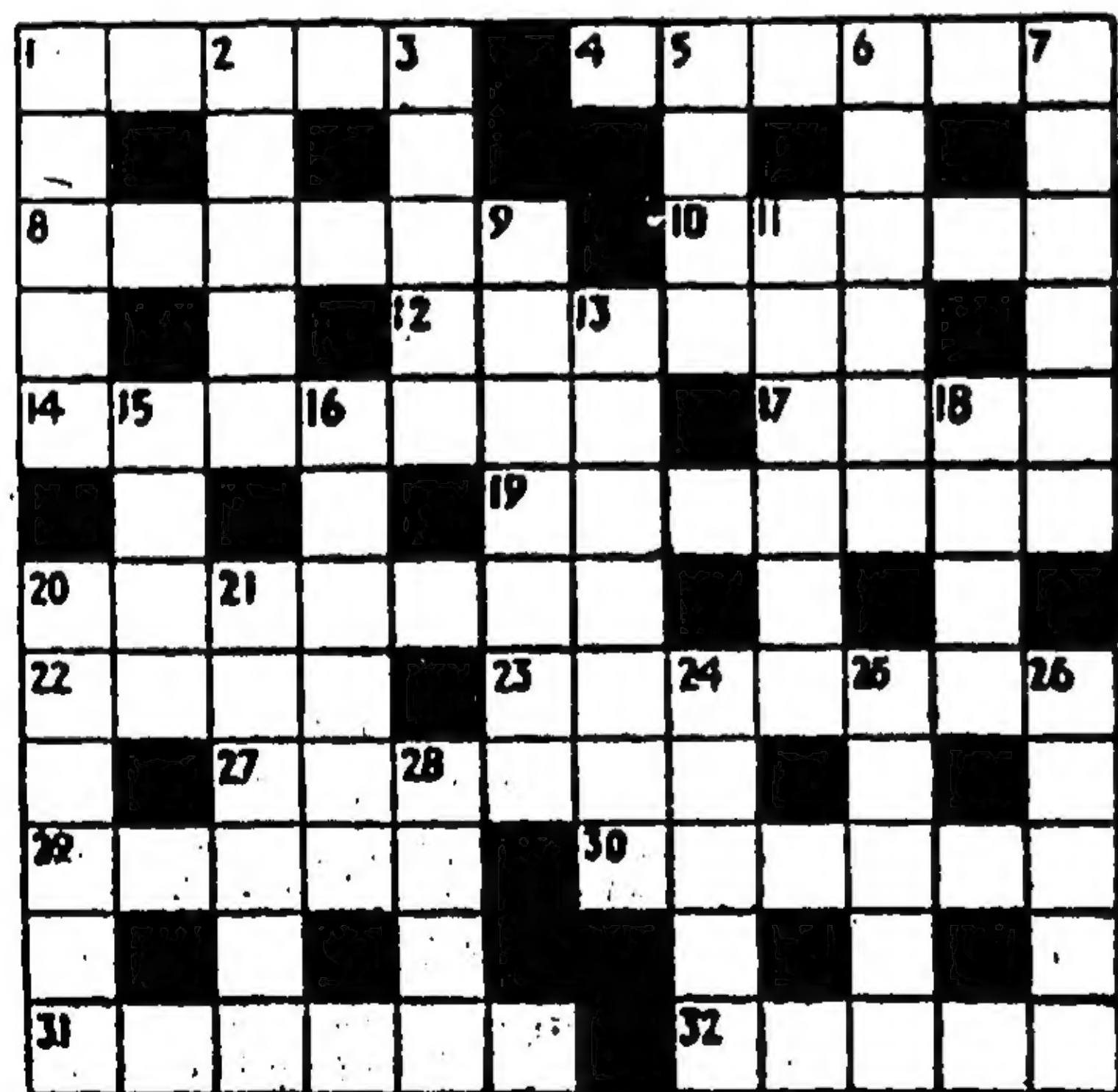
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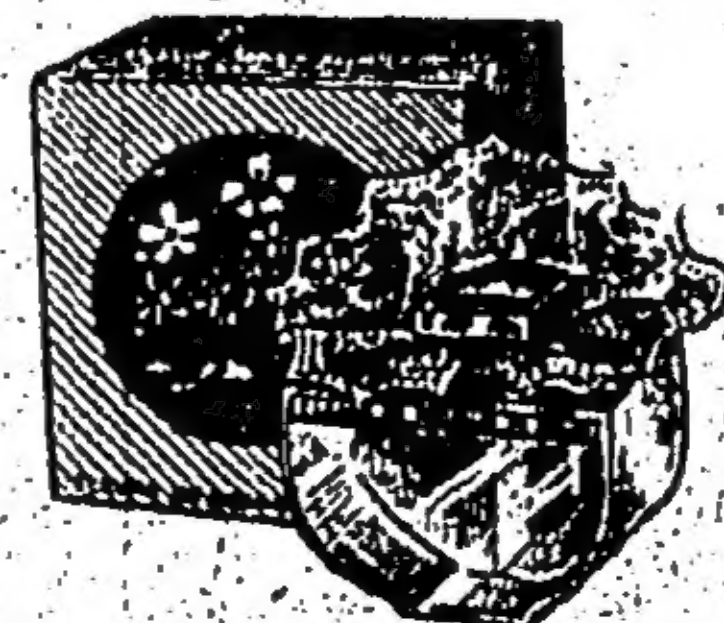
British Crossword Puzzle



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- 1 Fall from grace (5).
 - 4 Makes earnest appeal (6).
 - 8 Frank (6).
 - 10 Scratch (6).
 - 12 Period of instruction (6).
 - 14 Fruit course (7).
 - 17 Take notice (4).
 - 18 Slope (7).
 - 20 Obviously not obtained for a song (7).
 - 22 Single item (4).
 - 23 Common (7).
 - 27 Dance (6).
 - 30 Portion (6).
 - 31 Refrain (6).
 - 32 Follow (5).
- DOWN**
- 1 Clear (5).
 - 2 Longs for (5).
 - 3 Banish (5).
 - 5 Power (4).
 - 6 Makes it up at little cost (6).
 - 7 Mounts (6).
 - 9 Put in disorder (7).
 - 11 Stick together (6).
 - 13 Thoroughfare (7).
 - 15 School (4).
 - 16 Sporting dog (6).
 - 18 Volcano (4).
 - 20 Agitated about trifles (6).
 - 21 Contestants (6).
 - 24 Ingenious (5).
 - 25 Frolics (5).
 - 26 Big (5).
 - 28 Meadows (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Slumbers, 8 Pure, 9 Indolent, 11 Departed, 13 Aps, 15 Eighteen, 16 Enrolled, 19 Code, 21 Demoted, 25 Implored, 26 Plain, 27 Deserved, Down: 1 Ape, 2 Trap, 4 Lend, 5 Mood, 6 Evens, 7 Stale, 9 Iraq, 10 Defer, 12 Elite, 14 Piece, 16 Enter, 17 Nod, 19 Child, 20 Dope, 21 Dour, 23 Mare, 25 Tale, 26 Dope.

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In The Role of Santa Claus On The Tragic Frontier

WITH other students of Vienna University helping the authorities to cope with the flood of refugees pouring into Austria from Hungary has been a young girl from Aberdeen, Scotland — Miss Sandra Hay.

Working day and night in shifts, she and her fellow-students have been toiling ardently to ease the misery of the Hungarians who have fled before the Russian terror.

She herself would be the last to claim credit for what she has been doing. What she has to say reflects, rather, the agony of the Hungarians, and not the selflessness of herself and the others who have worked so tirelessly to help the refugees at the moment of their deepest despondency—the moment of quitting their homeland.

Her letters home give an intimate glimpse behind the scenes; and her father, Mr. A. Leslie Hay, has given me permission to quote a number of passages from them in the hope that they will stimulate response to the appeals for help for the Hungarians.

Eden Critics

Miss Hay, for all her youth, is an accomplished linguist, with a knowledge of French, German, Italian, and Spanish. She has studied at Perugia University, Italy, and is at present spending a year at Vienna University.

In her letters home, she writes:—

"You were asking what the Austrians were saying about Anthony Eden."

She goes on to say that there was heavy criticism of him. "The Hungarians we were talking to were naturally very bitter about the Suez business—the second onslaught of the Russians on poor Budapest (after it seemed they were going away) was regarded as

By G. E. LEY SMITH

a direct consequence of the Anglo-French aggression in Egypt—the Hungarians having to pay for it."

But, she adds, it has been brought home that the Anglo-French action was not a case of fighting for mere imperialistic reasons or a case of merely fighting against Soviet intrigues, too.

"I think that once the Austrians and Hungarians realise that their criticism of British and French is sure to diminish. They have been so taken up with the Russians here that they do not seem to have considered until now that the Russians might come into the Egypt story as well."

Non-stop Job

"One thing is sure: that is the really magnificent way in which all countries have given all they could to help the refugees and—now that the Red Cross is allowed into Hungary—the wounded and homeless in Hungary itself."

"At Traiskirchen, it is a twenty-four-hour non-stop job receiving and sorting out all the stuff that arrives. There seems to be an endless procession of lorries and vehicles coming with about everything under the sun, from safety-pins to giant brand-new washing machines."

"And food has come in by the ton. When you see it in the store-rooms, there is so much of it you cannot imagine it will ever be eaten, but once you start handing it out, it goes in a flash."

When the students arrive in the morning at Traiskirchen, on the frontier, one of their first jobs is to give the people breakfast—tea, as much as they like, bread, as much as they like; and a ration of something else—sausages, for example.

Miss Sandra Hay describes one such morning:

"For almost an hour and a half we were on the landings with a steady flow of people all

the time. At the end, each one of us felt sure that he or she would be haunted by visions of hundreds of cups of tea, or chunks of bread, or sausages."

"Refugees have been coming in at the rate of fifteen hundred every twenty-four hours.... Numbers are cold and impersonal, impressive though they may be, but when you think of them as people and see them with your own eyes, each a person in his or her own right, and capable of all sorts of feelings and sufferings as such—it is only then that hitherto abstract terms such as 'Communism', 'Iron Curtain', and so on, take on a real meaning."

"Two of the people I talked to for quite a while seemed to sum up what all the refugees would say. One of these people was a father, and he said: 'Can you imagine what life was like? My children, they went to school. Every night for ten years I tell them: LEARN what you can. But don't BELIEVE what the Russians tell you.... Now we flee. We want to live no more like that....'

"Another Hungarian had been teacher of English in Budapest. He was not very old and had one of the gentlest, mildest faces.... He went two or three times to the British Consulate as he wanted to read newspapers or something from the West. That was his crime."

Secret Police

"For six months he knew he was being trailed; for six months he expected to be taken away. Eventually the Secret Police came and said to him that they had to arrest him. He has been in prison for the last two years—until a fortnight ago. He is hoping to be allowed to go to America."

She speaks of another day at Traiskirchen:

"More than ever before were we able to be in amongst the Hungarians, chiefly because there were fewer refugees and more helpers.... A friend and

I were given the very pleasant task of looking ourselves with chocolate and beer of sweets (all donated) and going round the rooms and corridors giving them to children. It made you feel quite like Santa Claus, and we had great fun with the young men who went down on their knees and tried to pretend they were children too."

Full of Lies

"What was really pathetic was the way so many of them asked us what the news was from Hungary.... What was happening there? What was likely to happen?"

"Of course, they get newspapers at the camp, the same papers as I read myself. They are delivered free and distributed every day, but the Hungarians are used to Hungarian newspapers and radio reports full of lies, and they no longer have any confidence in newspapers."

Miss Hay says that clothing distribution is being carried out on a colossal scale. A whole building has been set apart for the unpacking and sorting of the parcels. The work, done chiefly by an American Quaker group, goes on for twenty-four hours a day.

It was decided to give a sort of concert. The pianist played Smetana's 'Lend'—music known and loved by all. One of the refugees recited a long poem he had just composed. It was in Hungarian, of course, and very spirited. It was about the tearing down of the Red Star. Then the Hungarians sang Hungarian songs to the students from Vienna University, who in return sang Austrian and German student songs.

New Arrivals

"We gave each other tremendous ovations, for they wanted us to sing again and we wanted them to sing again."

"After the concert, we had to return to work; all sorts of cleaning up to do all over the gigantic buildings. In the place were not cleaned properly at night, I shudder to think what might happen—if even one little infectious illness came along with so many people crowded together."

The students had been up at 5.30 in the morning, and they were not finished till 2 a.m. the following morning. They lay down but could not really sleep, as at 5.30 a.m. they had to be up again and go down to the station to meet another fifteen hundred new refugees for the camp.

The new arrivals asked many questions about the camp. "At least we could tell them that they would get as much to eat as they wanted; that the rooms were heated; that they would be given clothing if they needed it."

"And the question they asked more than anything else: How long did they have to stay in the camp before settling off to their new life in another country?"

"So many of them want to go to America...."

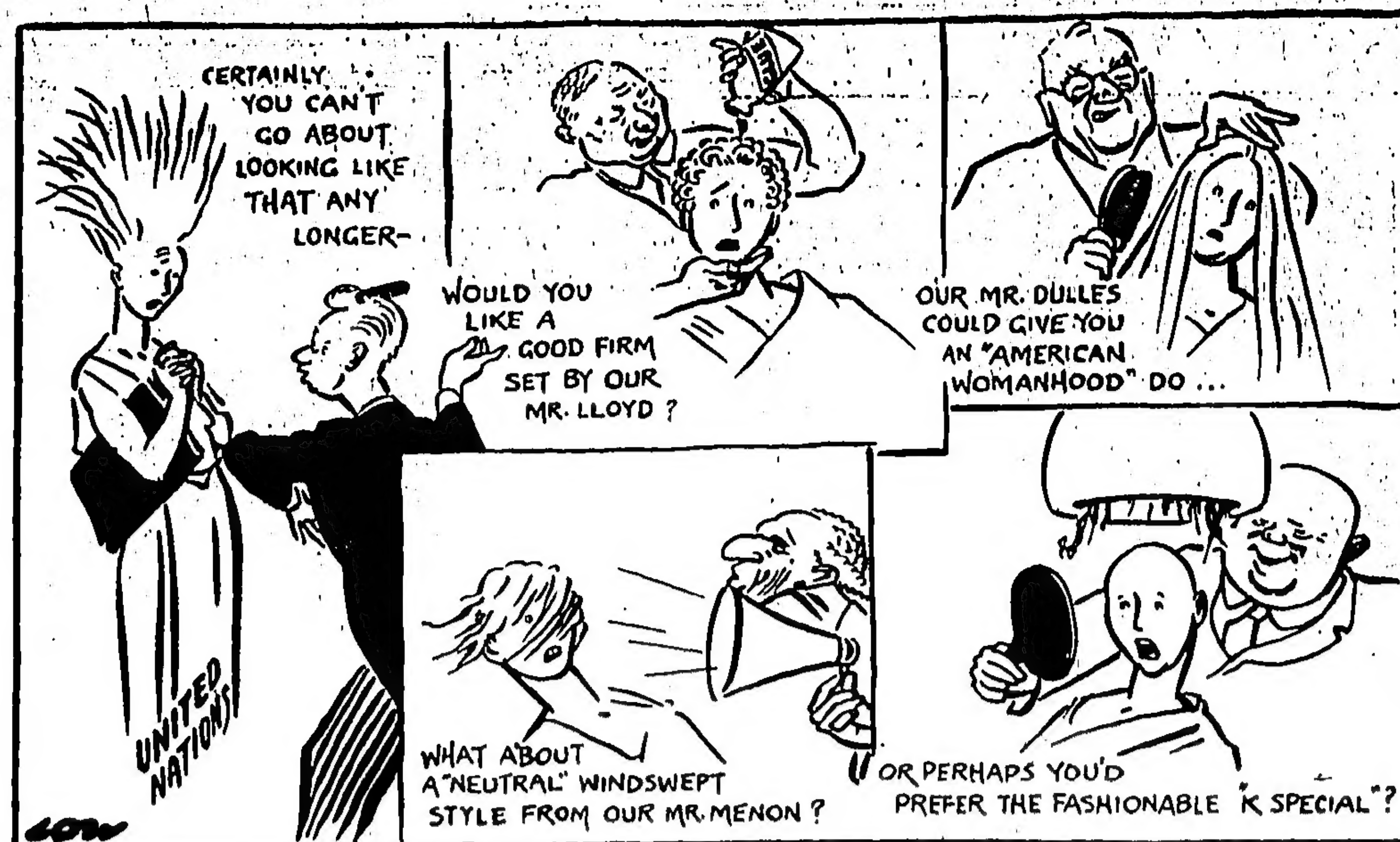
Happy Man

Miss Hay tells of one man, however, who was happy beyond words because he had been promised a job by the head of a textile factory in Vienna. He did not want to go too far away. Some day he hoped to return to a free Hungary.

He explained it was not difficult to get the job in Vienna because most of the Hungarians wanted to go to the other side of the world, or at least as far away as possible from the Russians, whom they hated and feared so much.

Miss Hay says this man was once a big landowner. The Russians had taken away his land but left him his house. Now they had taken his house. In it was a library of chess books. He had been one of the great chess players of Hungary.

"He had been in prison, too," writes Miss Hay. "The secretary of the Budapest Chess Club was a rampant Communist and had him arrested on the grounds that he had been 'prison' to an anti-Communist plot, and had not denounced it. Completely foolish, but enough to have this poor man thrown into prison and kept there for a couple of years."



THE LADY WITH THE FRIGHTENED HAIR

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DAVID LEWIN ON BROADWAY...

'MR WONDERFUL'...

That's what they call him—and you're going to say so, too....

New York. THE man Broadway calls Mister Wonderful is a wispy little 30-year-old negro singer named Sammy Davis Junior.

Mr Davis who sings and dances and mimes is no beauty: his face is flattened and his nose was broken in a car smash a year or so back.

But Sammy Davis has such charm and energy that women find him enormously attractive, and his first Broadway show—titled, naturally enough "Mr Wonderful"—is an established success.

In New York theatre people crowd to see him. Frank Sinatra calls him "a genius." So does Judy Garland. I say he is a talented performer with a tremendous attack which will make him a hit when he goes to London early next year.

International

ALREADY his records are beginning to give his name an international currency.

He says: "It is nice when your records sell well, but I'm not sure that I'd want to have a really top seller which would run into a million copies or more."

"There would be so much worry after that—worry about whether you could top it or even match it next time. I concentrate on my show instead. I came up through the ranks when having a hit record didn't mean so much."

"I scuffled and I hustled and I fought my way up. I was born on tour—my parents were dancers—and I went on stage the first time when I was two years old. I have stayed ever since."

Self-taught

"NO one taught me anything. I have never taken lessons in singing or dancing or acting. I learned the lot myself."

"I made myself and that's the way I am. Maybe I made myself troubles because of it—but at least they were my own troubles and I had to learn to fight them by myself."

Sammy Davis smiles a brilliant smile. "Yes, sir," he

SIDE NOTE FOR RECORD FANS

"SOMETHING'S GOTTA GIVE," a hit song of 1955, first brought the voice of Sammy Davis jun. on records. He was a slow starter. But his second record, "Love Me or Leave Me," brought him into the Top Ten best-sellers list. Then came two more records which helped to establish him: "Hey There" and "Earthbound."

FILM NOTE: The voice you heard singing "Frankie and Johnnie" in "Meet Me in Las Vegas" was Sammy Davis. He did not appear.

When finally I got star billing I also got a big head. Too big for one hat.

"I couldn't go fast enough—or spend enough money."

He was talking about 1953, when finally, after touring round America, Frank Sinatra urged showmen to pay greater attention to Sammy Davis jun.

In 1953 he became a night club star and appeared on television. The money was big: \$5,000 a week. Davis went on a spending spree. He now owns three cars (one of them a Cadillac); he has bought 20,000 records and 300 pairs of cuff links.

He ordered suits four at a time and started a collection of pistols. His philosophy at the time was: "I didn't have it when I was a kid. I want it now."

He got it.

Shrewd talker

THE next year he had a car smash. He was in hospital for weeks, and when he came out he had lost his left eye and his nose was broken.

"It was," he says, "what is known as a rude awakening. Ruder than most people suffer. But those weeks in hospital with nothing to do but think slowed me down.... I thought plenty. 'Who am I?' I asked myself. 'What do I believe?'"

"I came to terms with myself. I want to be a great entertainer. That is something to strive for. I know there is a price to be paid for all this and I am willing to pay it."

"Maybe underpinning is a necessary evil for an artist."

Sammy Davis talks shrewdly, intelligently. He has learned about Shakespeare by going again and again to see Laurence Olivier films. Sometimes he will quote from Shakespeare in his conversation.

He thought about religion too. And the fact that he is a Negro. When he was to baptize



SAMMY DAVIS JUNIOR: 'AT 30... BURSTING WITH A TALENT THAT SINATRA CALLS 'GENIUS'...

out his life he contemplated becoming Jewish—then rejected the idea because it might be considered a publicity line. His mother is Catholic and his father a Baptist.

About being coloured he says: "If I weren't a Negro I would have made 20 million dollars by now. Do you know, that one Negro in America can have a sponsored TV show of his own?"

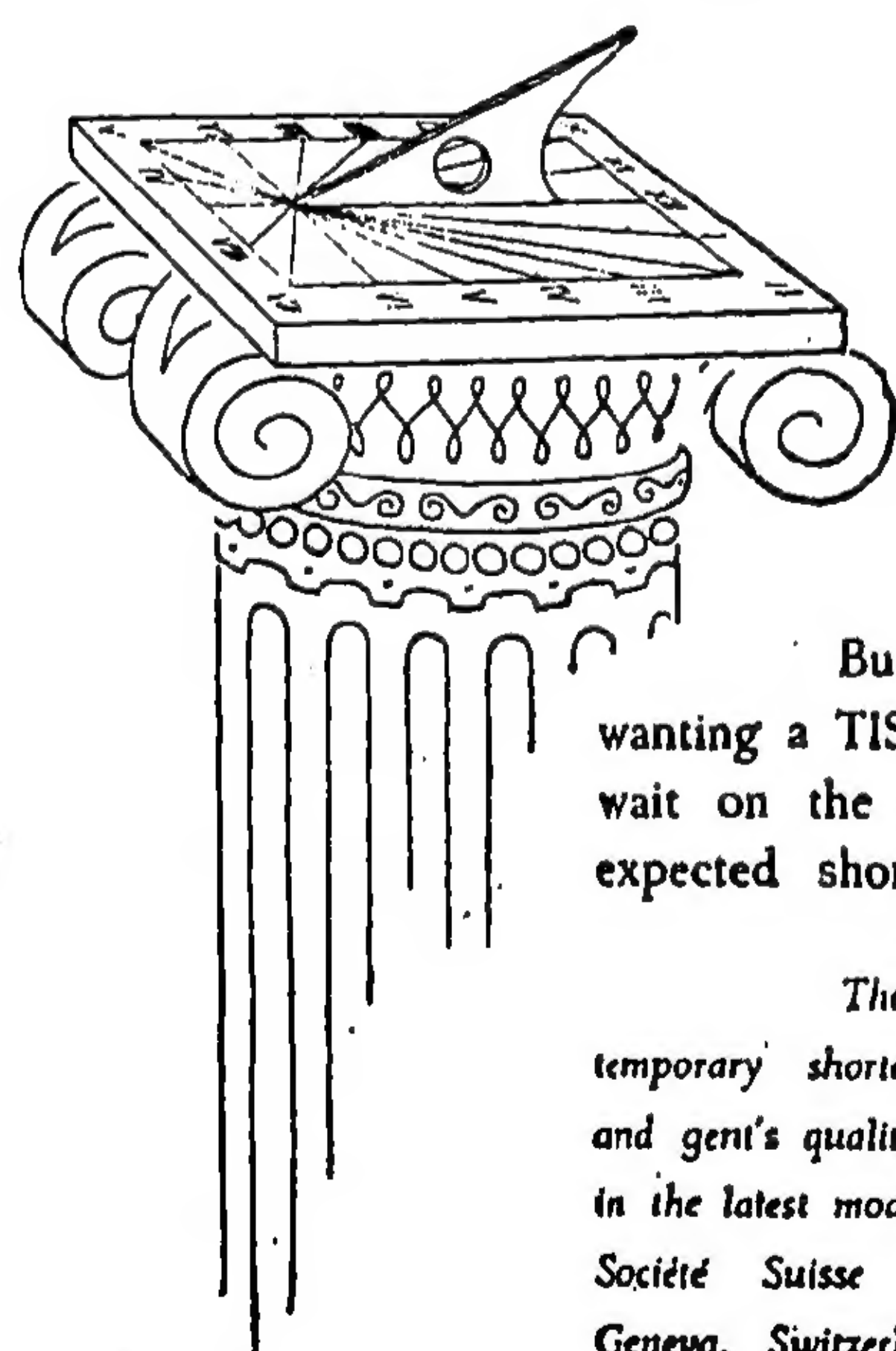
"The sponsors are worried that people in the South would refuse to buy their goods if they backed a series starring me or Martin Luther King or Lena Horne or anyone like that."

"You have to be tough to be in this business. Too many youngsters today get sentimental about show business; you know the stuff I mean—all those songs. But in show business it is the business that counts."

"Success isn't just talent. Hundreds have talent—what you need in addition is to be able to talk back to people with the people who run the business. I can do just that. And I can do it just as well as anyone else."

After a three-hour show he is still there. And he says: "When it is all over and the longer perform. I want to be remembered—like Al Jolson is remembered. I want that. I want that very much."

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STERNOPHOBES, working with a few rats and a few mice, have tried a new method of luring the birds from the trees and bushes of the

birds perch on the hats and make themselves comfortable. The officials leap into fast cars, drive out into lonely country, and shake the birds from their hats.

Dr Rhubarb's corner

V. G. L. writes: Neighbours complain when we put on a gramophone record of our dog barking. We tell them it is only a record and that the dog died last year, but they still object. What should we do?

Dr Rhubarb says: Buy another dog and tell them it is not a record, but the real thing.

Poor Rustiguzzi

AFTER the moving death scene in Act II of "Il Gasparzini" the body of Nossia has to be carried off the stage to the ruins of the funeral march. According to a critic this is what occurred the other day in Milan. "Conceding the obvious fact that Rustiguzzi is built on generous lines one must regret the abandonment of all attempts to convey her off the stage. The spectacle of half the cast pushing and the other half pulling turns the whole proceedings into farce. Could not the 12 palace guards have carried her alternately, six at a time? As it was, she was hauled and shoved into the wings like a sackful of scrap-iron, and we in the stalls could hear her muffled protests."

Memo to composers of opera: Encouraging singers should be kept alive until the final curtain and go off under their own steam.

Subject for conversation (for the nervous)

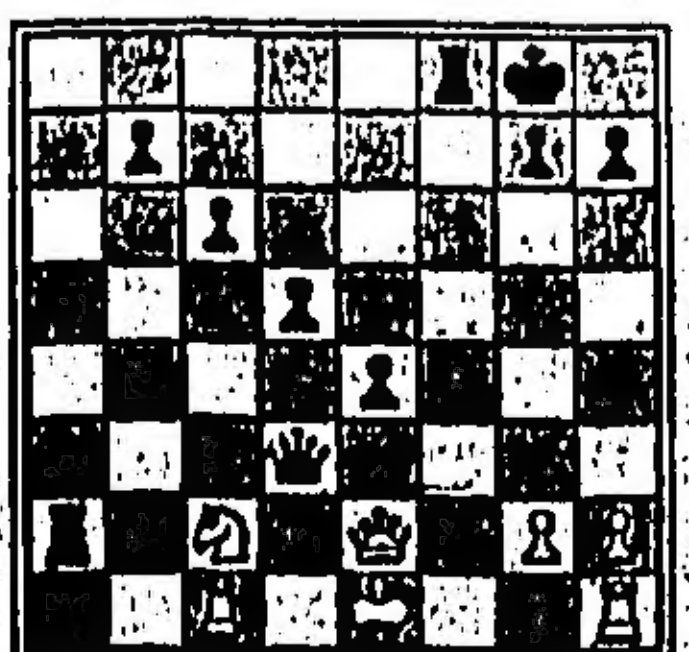
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Foulmough's philosophy

CAPTAIN FOULMOUGH has evidently studied Purge's defence of debtors and borrowers. He told a bailiff the other day that so long as you are in debt to plenty of people, you are sure of having their prayers that you may live long. And the creditors will always praise you fulsomely wherever they go, in the hope that their friends will lend you the money to pay back what you owe.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN
From actual play: Black to move and win material.



Solution to Saturday's problem: 1 Q-Q4.

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

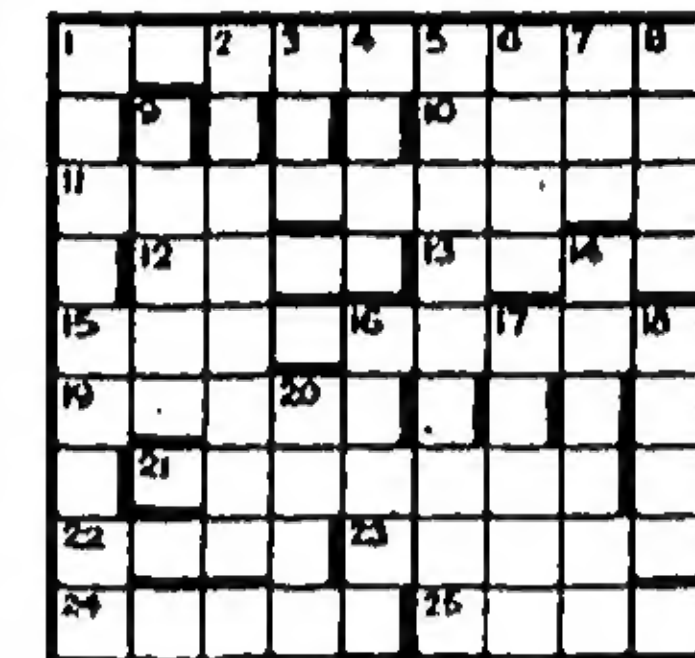
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17

BORN today, you have an unusual combination of the idealistic, nature. You have a will of iron and once you make up your mind to do something, you let nothing interfere. You have a tremendous store of energy and self-confidence. You consider that the will to believe is, indeed, the will to succeed. You never doubt your ability to tackle a tough job and are always confident that you can lick any problem that may present itself. You enjoy doing the big things in life and are annoyed if you have to handle detail work. Make full use of your powers of persuasion, build up a working staff under your direction and you will be able to guide a project through from idea and blueprint to successful completion. Capable of handling money, likely that you will become quite wealthy well before middle life.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22): A fine day for buying and selling. It is in retail merchandising that you should be your "big boy" this month.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20): Your interests may be divided between the family and your community; some pre-Christmas event, perhaps.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19): Take care of minor matters during the morning hours, save important decisions for later in the day.
PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20): Beware following random impulses this morning. You may need your best judgment to settle a family matter.
ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20): If you are planning on buying a new car, this may be the day to make your selection. Deal close the deal.
TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21): Your job may call for travelling. If you then find this a good day to set off on a trip, just do it.
GEMINI (May 22-June 21): Your friends can meet a great deal to you just now. A friend I lately may be a very successful one.
CANCER (June 22-July 22): Finish an important job today. Make the most of each moment and you will accomplish a lot.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): There is romance in the air for you and you find that the coming festivities are eagerly awaited.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Family and public affairs are combined in an interesting and exciting pattern for you just now.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Domestic matters take on real

CROSSWORD



Across

1. Is he necessarily from Paris? (9)
10. Excavator of the long past? (4)
11. They are sought in the end by navigators. (9)
12. Take off. (4)
13. No deductions from this price. (4)
14. Wheat bran (anag.). (4, 5)
15. Come has extract from America. (6)
16. Paddington or Victoria. (7)
21. This answer holds water. (4)
22. Every manhole has one. (5)
23. This lot is highest. (5)
24. Emperor had a warm time in Rome. (4)

Down

1. The medicine men's name? (4)
2. Ann Take across nothing between. (8)
3. The cat got properly cooked if it's this. (3)
4. Swell. (4)
5. Men get mixed up before the nation. (6)
6. It's a pie. (4)
7. Taken for an inch. (3)
8. No work for the musician. (4)
9. Dear sir, I am writing to you. (10)
10. Twice as valuable as a river. (6)
11. Middle one is naval institution. (6)
12. It's also to come across this treasure. (6)
13. It's heard at Wembley. (4)
14. White one of the inn. (4)

Saturday's solution

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

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By MAX TRELL

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"About me?" said Picky.

"About your tail," said Knarf.

This was very surprising indeed. Picky looked at Knarf for a full minute before he said, "What is there about my tail that makes you wonder?"

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"Why," said Picky Poo, "it's good to wag. You couldn't wag your tail if you didn't have one."

"That only makes it all the stupider," said Knarf. "What's the good of being able to wag your tail, if you can't see your own wagging?"

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Picky said slowly and in a very bewildered voice, "I can't see myself wagging my tail?"

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WOMANSENSE

A SHEATH DRESS OFFERS MANY POSSIBILITIES

WHETHER you can afford an extensive wardrobe or not, you are probably, like most women, eager to extend the wearing potential of what you already own. Holiday time, with its demands, brings the fact home harder. If you own a sheath dress, why not give full rein to thoughts that can change it? It can be fun and give you an individuality you may not have experienced before.

Watching fashion, you must know that the slim silhouette remains in high favour but it is undergoing some changes as designers ready their newest collections. Necklines have moved higher in front and lower in back. The amount of back interest is growing, not diminishing. It often extends from neckline to hem. Two fabrics are often used in a dress, and this may give you some ideas on how to change the appearance of a costume — since you can hardly match its fabrics.

To make your dress look very new, try something like this: Add a full panel, flying from the neckline in back. Have

it in a crisp taffeta or heavy satin. Another more dramatic treatment would be to gather the panel underneath the hemline in a sort of harlem effect, then pass the panel up under the belt at the outside waistline. Pull out the end or pleat it to stand up and coincide with the dress neckline. (Stitch to dress to hold up.) A square-cut neckline, with the panel the same width, is suggested.

Change the front of a dress with a cut-out or deep-slashed neckline by making a cowl-like collar to cover it or fill in, whichever is more comfortable and attractive. A soft chiffon, crepe or silk will do. It could match in the case of a black dress, or contrast by being in a lighter shade of the dress colour. Finish it in the back with long narrow streamers that end above the waistline or coincide with the hemline. To cover a bare back dress, try this cowl collar in reverse, again tucking it inside the dress or pinning it securely at the bottom edge. The "cowl back" is new.

For a sleeveless sheath, try little gathered sleeves that give the appearance of being pushed up or crushed on the arms well above elbows. Make them in white satin or chiffon with a black dress.

Combine satin with velvet; satin or velvet with crepe. Chiffon, fashion's pet, combines with everything — with heavy peau de soie silks, woolsens and even tweeds. Use it to fill in necklines or floating panels in double layers to lie about the waistline.

Before you know it, you'll feel like a designer yourself.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

A light scratch on the surface of dark wood may be disguised by rubbing it with a Brazil nut, walnut or a piece of meat. Rub wax into the wood, then polish.

Tuck sachet tablets into the pockets of your suitcase when going on a trip. Cases that have been closed for a long time often have a "close" odour

that the sweet fragrance of sachet will eliminate.

Stainless steel knives can be sharpened with a regular knife sharpener.



A girl with a sheath and a little imagination can work many changes in it for the holiday season. Left: The crushed silk cummerbund with long back panel emerging from a high Empire line in back changes the appearance of a black silk sheath. Try it in red, beige or black silk. Top right: Two narrow bands of velvet ribbon and little bows mark the high midriff lines of a simple sheath for new interest. Try them in black on white or in two colours, as red and blue or red and green on black or beige. Centre right: This shows how to emphasize the lowered neckline of a sheath with banding for the neckline extending for a bow and long-streamer finish. Black velvet or satin on a black dress is most elegant. Add a jewel pin or little flower over the bow. Bottom right: A cowl collar in soft metallic fabric changes the neckline of a sheath.

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WEEK-END SOCCER

RUNAWAY VICTORY FOR SOUTH CHINA AGAINST KWONG WAH

By "TOUCHWOOD"

It was a total rout, a runaway victory for South China when they scored as they willed against Kwong Wah in a First Division League match at Caroline Hill yesterday and the 5-0 score the Nam Wah boys netted could have been more had they taken this match seriously enough.

South China's smart display, with Chu Wing-wah and Lee Yuk-tak keeping up their shoot-on-sight accuracy, places the Carolinians as firm favourites for this year's soccer honours both in the League and Cup competitions.

A feature of this match was South China playing Tan Kai-sow at centre-forward for a brief spell, but later Tan played in defence.

Chu Wing-wah, Ho Cheung-yau and Mok Chun-wah combined effectively and their constant runs on the Kwong Wah defence made custodian Kwok Chow-ming work overtime.

In defence Lau Chi-ping and Kwok Kam-hung played their rules well, especially during the few sporadic runs by the Kwong Wah forwards.

MINNED CHANCES

Had the losers taken more shooting chances whenever they swarmed all over the Carolinians' goalmouth they might have scored at least a goal or two. Time and again they threw away scoring chances when their forwards wasted too much time in taking their aim with the result that they lost possession of the ball.

The Kwong Wah forwards were off their form completely and except for the few near misses when they had Lau Kin-chung on his toes they hardly worried the Nam Wah players at all.

Of the five goals scored in this match one came off a penalty awarded when Kwong Wah's Fu Nai-long fouled one of the South China forwards. Fu conceded yet another spot kick award but, luckily, for Kwok Chow-ming, left-winger Mok Chun-wah crashed the ball smack into the Kwong Wah goalkeeper.

This match was so one-sided that it was practically at a premium. The Sunday crowd who had expected the Kwong Wah boys to fight tooth and nail left the stadium a disappointed lot.

THE GAME

The game was hardly five minutes on when South China threatened to open the scoring as Chu Wing-wah took a shot at Kwok Chow-ming who had to dive for the ball before he just managed to push it out for a fruitless corner.

The next minute Chan Chi-kong lifted over a well-placed shot to a waiting Chu Wing-wah, but the latter kicked the ball into a bunch of Kwong Wah defenders.

Kwong Wah forwards gave some anxious moments for the Carolinians' custodian in the 8th minute when they attacked in force. A move started by Chu Wing-wah brought Leung Lam and Lo Tak-hing speeding goalwards and their joint efforts ended with Lo bringing out the best of Lau Kin-chung with a sizzling shot that came very close to scoring.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 6th Race Meeting 1956/57 to be held on Tuesday 1st and Saturday 6th January, 1957, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday 18th December, 1956.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Chen Ming-chih was the next player to miss the mark by inches by heading, in a lovely shot which would have been a goal had the South China goalkeeper not got his hands to the ball in the nick of time.

The Nam Wah boys got into their shooting form after the 18th minute. A solo effort by Mok Chun-wah nearly had the Kwong Wah 'keeper beaten when Mok's shot grazed the upright. In his next attempt Mok Chun-wah made no mistake by crashing the ball past a bewildered Kwok Chow-ming.

This was executed so suddenly that Kwok hardly had time to parry Mok's fast shot.

By the 23rd minute South China were two up and this time it was a long range shot off the boots of Chu Wing-wah that had the Kwong Wah custodian beaten all the way.

The Nam Wah boys went further ahead with a third goal in the 30th minute through Chan Chi-kong.

TWO GOOD SHOTS

Kwong Wah followed up with good pot shots by Chen Ming-chih and Leung Lam, but their efforts lacked the power to beat the alert Lau Kin-chung.

With three goals in their favour, South China started the second half with a rousing raid that had the Kwong Wah defence working doubly hard.

In the 12th minute South China's Lee Yuk-tak netted goal number four from a Ho Cheung-yau pass and a penalty awarded in the 27th minute saw Chu Wing-wah placing the ball to the back of the net to bring the score to 5-0.

Mok Chun-wah could have made it half a dozen when he took a spot kick in the 40th minute, but his shot rebounded off the body of Kwok Chow-ming and though the South China left-winger ran after the ball his second attempt at scoring was cleared by a defender.

TEAMS

South China: Lau Kin-chung; Lau Chi-ping, Kwok Kam-hung; Ng Wai-man, Luk Tat-hay, Chan Chi-kong; Chu Wing-wah, Lee Yuk-tak, Tan Kai-sow, Ho Cheung-yau, Mok Chun-wah.

Kwong Wah: Kwok Chow-ming; Fu Nai-long, Ng Bo-

Miss Shirley Fry Tops U.S. Ranking List For 1956

New York, Dec. 16. Miss Shirley Fry, the United States and Wimbledon Singles Champion, topped the United States Women's Lawn Tennis ranking list for 1956 which was announced here today.

Miss Fry, ranked second last year, succeeds Doris Hart, who is now a professional. This is the 13th consecutive year she has been ranked in the first ten but the first time she has reached the top.

Miss Althea Gibson, who won tournaments in nine different countries this year, but did not beat Miss Fry until November, is ranked second.

Miss Louise Brough and Mrs Margaret Dupont, who won their twelfth national doubles title this year, are placed third and fourth respectively.

The full list announced by the U.S.L.T.A. rankings committee is: 1. Shirley Fry, 2. Althea Gibson, 3. Louise Brough, 4. Margaret Dupont, 5. Betty Pratt, 6. Dorothy Knode, 7. Darlene Hard, 8. Karol Fagros, 9. Janet Hoppe, 10. Miriam Arnold, Reuter.

FERENC PUSKAS WITH DAUGHTER



The famous Hungarian footballer Ferenc Puskas is re-united with his 2-year-old daughter in Italy. During the rioting in Budapest recently his wife and daughter managed to escape to Italy while Puskas was in Spain. Now he hopes to seek asylum for his family in Italy. — Central Press Photo.

SATURDAY'S RUGGER

RAF Were Deserving Of A Clear-Out Win Against Army North

Says "PAK LO"

By sticking religiously to their system of keeping the ball tight, except for one lapse, the RAF on Saturday, though they finally only managed to draw with Army North by 13 points (2 goals, 1 penalty goal) to 13 points (2 goals, 1 try), definitely took top honours and were deserving of a clear-cut win.

On the other side of the harbour a hopelessly outclassed and weak Police side went down as expected before Army South to the tune of 34 points (5 goals, 3 tries) to 6 points (2 tries), though the score was by no means indicative of the run of the game, for the Police did make one or two very dangerous moves.

The Club "B" in the minor match of the afternoon flourished away, completely fluffed their chances and let the 7th Hussars win by 12 points (1 try, 3 penalty goals) to 3 points (1 penalty goal).

RAF v. Army North

It was hard to believe that this was the same side which battled so well, albeit unsuccessfully, against the Club last week, for Army North were but a shadow of themselves. Against the light, close play of the RAF they could find no answer and the Airman would have won had they not when in the lead for about ten minutes opened the game up. That gave Army South a couple of chances which they were quick to snap up.

But for the rest of the time Army North were obviously all at sea, and they became more and more flustered as time went on. Passes went everywhere, once the ball had left either Turnbull's or Eborac's hands. Luckily for Army North these two halves were in top form, but even they had a rough time of it.

The only man to shine beyond them was Pritchard, the full back, who under almost continuous pressure was very steady.

Green, who has been the shining light lately, was just pure lazy. There is no other word for it. He did nothing but stand around until Wyss had a muscle cramp and the two of them changed places, and then at last Green began to move and succeeded by use of his speed in scoring two excellent tries, but otherwise he was not outstanding.

The RAF, on the other hand, played like heroes. The forwards in particular were trying every minute of the game and their foot rushes had the Army North dazed. They broke fast from the scrums and went through the lineouts like a dose of salts, and they covered their three very well.

Macnamara at scrum half had another fine game, though Read was a little slow to get into position for his passes. Cornish in the centre was almost uncatchable, and his breaks through the centre were hard to stop.

Of the RAF forwards Cheal was outstanding, especially in the loose, and Hannam and Taton were close seconds.

THE PLAY

The RAF went into the attack right from the start and 20 minutes passed before the Army managed to take play into the Airman's half of the field.

Goolds with a long kick found touch on the RAF 25 and the ball went from the lineout to Beynon, who dummied his way through the centre, and when tackled passed on to Goolds who scored near the posts. Pritchard converted, 6-0.

The RAF immediately took play back into their opponents' half of the field and about 20 yards from the scrum the Army were pushed and Macnamara converted, 6-3.

This was the half time score, but it did not mean that the RAF were the better side. The RAF again attacked to the Army 25, and then a kick ahead sent the ball over the dead-ball line. The RAF forwards took the ball from the drop-out and with some neat work scored near the posts. Macnamara converted, 8-3.

The RAF nearly scored again, with their three line ending out the most atrocious pass ever seen, but they were finally caught with feet to a kick. The Army cleared the field with a kick.

A minute later Cheal took the ball from a short kick by the Army and went through the fence, outpaced Pritchard and ran round to score under the posts. Macnamara converted, 12-3.

Then it was the Army's turn. From a loose ball the ball went out to Green on the wing who was unmarked and he streaked up to the wing, with only Gray, the RAF full back, to beat. It looked difficult, for Green was close to the line, and a good push would have put him in a corner, but Gray unaccountably missed him altogether with his tackle and Green scored under the posts. Pritchard converted, 15-3.

The Army forwards had a short spell here and took the ball upfield at their feet and then heeled forward. Green found an opening and slipped through to score under the posts. Then, unitedly, Pritchard missed the conversion, 15-13.

With the RAF striving harder than ever for a score and play on the wing, the Army five-yard line game finally ended.

Police v. Army South

Army South never from the start looked as though they could lose. They had a steady supply of the ball from the scrums, lineouts and loose mauls. The halves and three all moved like well-oiled machines, and with the Police failing to tackle well the scoring was regular and easy.

The only time the Police looked like scoring was when

their forwards dribbled the ball upfield, but they had not been well enough trained in the art of this and all too often kicked too far ahead to make any use of their chances.

The Police back division, with little or the ball, failed to get moving, and their defensive covering was woefully weak.

Johnston was wasted at scrum half, and though he did score a try, he would probably have been able to keep the scoring down appreciably had he played at full back.

From the first whistle the Army scored with a try by Boorman, Sharp adding the extra points. Johnston retained with a touch down of a loose ball. Boorman scored again a few minutes later to make the half time score 6-3.

Beyond a try from a five-yard lineout the Police were completely out of the picture and Army South scored through Boorman, Owen-Smith, Robinson, Williams, Busby, and Phipps each scoring a try. Sharp converted three of the tries and Phipps converted his own try.

Club "B" v. 7th Hussars

This was a scrappy affair, and the Club "B" three wandered all over the field with the ball just in the right direction.

The Club "B" pack was composed mostly of stragglers, and they were very disappointing, and needed stronger leadership in the pack to bring them up to the mark.

The Club "B" scrum half had an excellent game, but was hampered by the intentions of Anderson, the Hussars' wing forward, who gave him little room to move in.

Davies scored the only try of the match for the Hussars, while Morion converted three penalty goals, and Gault replied with one penalty goal. The Hussars were not much better than the Club "B" really, but their being just that little bit better and fitter made all the difference.

Tonight's Game

Tonight the Club are scheduled to play off their postponed match against the Navy, and though at time of going to press the Navy team is unknown it should be fairly strong.

LEAGUE CRICKET

Army South Were Still On The Lucky Side

By "RECORDER"

Lots of rain during the week and a cold, dull day. The match between Army South and Reccelo at Sookun-poo on Saturday was not called off and I will go on the record to say that Army South were extremely lucky to win.

At Happy Valley on Sunday, the Optimists gave Craigengower 175 for eight wickets and replied with 178 for five, again paced by an undefeated 94 from John Lender.

As a result, the situation in the League table remains almost unchanged from last week. This is how it looks:

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Army South	10	7	1	2	30
Optimists	8	6	0	2	26
KCC	9	0	1	2	20
RAF	8	4	3	1	17
Craigengower	10	3	4	3	10
Reccelo	10	3	4	3	10
Indian RC	8	3	3	2	14
Army North	8	3	3	2	14
Scorpions	8	1	4	3	7
Police	8	1	7	1	5
Royal Navy	8	1	7	1	5

Army South beat Reccelo by five wickets in a very curious game in which there were spells of brilliance and of mediocrity from both sides.

On both sides there was much a bowlers' wicket. Reccelo came near enough to upsetting Army South and had Ashcroft not been dropped in the gully by Yarnovich in a misunderstanding with Eddie Gosano on who should try to hold a high catch, things may have been very different.

Ashcroft and Pettit were bowling in a manner very deserving of wickets. The former was rewarded with one for 22 in six overs and the latter with none for 22 in nine.

Gary Gray, a field day, took five wickets for eight runs. Four of these wickets were, however, thrown away, the only real Crook victim being D.E. Remedios. Padre Williams took three of the remaining four wickets for eight runs.

Reccelo were at one stage 38 for two wickets as Arthur Prata and Mickey Remedios put on 35 for the second wicket. After that came quick collapse with wickets being as freely given as taken.

The biggest surprise of the match came in the second half of the Army South, who for 32 overs to score 64 runs for victory and lost five good wickets in the process.

Reccelo put up one of their real fighting shows of the type that used to take them to League Championships in years gone by. The heavy outfield slowed the ball up, which was also a contributory factor to the score being kept down, but the Reccelo fielding was also extremely tight. I only remember one boundary being scored, though there may have been two in this 66.

Reccelo depended entirely on L. C. Remedios and "Spotty" Pereira in their fight to save the situation and these two bowlers, keeping slightly short of a length kept Army South's renowned run-getters down to 47 for five wickets. Ebdon, Gordon, Howard-Dobson, Tidy and Crook being back in the pavilion by this stage.

The inability to separate Ashcroft and Payne, though the former was of course, extremely lucky, saved the day for the soldiers. Remedios took four for 22 and Pereira one for 42.

105 — STAND

At Happy Valley yesterday Craigengower were three wickets down for 19, against the

Optimists at one stage, but a fourth wicket stand between George Souza and Dhuber was good for 100 runs. Souza was out at 47, but Dhuber went on to make 88 and Craigengower eventually declared at 173 for eight wickets.

The Optimists lost Kilbee, Rowe and Leigh-Bennett with only 40 runs on the board, but John Lender, backed up first by Hall and then by Vowler, saw 88 being put on the board before the fourth wicket fell and 150 before the fifth. The Optimists won handsily by five wickets.

Hongkong FA Soccer Fixtures For Dec 22-23

DECEMBER 22
1st Div. League: Kwong Wah v. KMB, Caroline Hill 3.30 p.m.
Ref. R. P. Brownings; Lines: Mak Yeung-fai/R. Gre.
2nd Div. League: Club Navy 3.30 p.m.
Ref. D. G. Simpson; Lines: E. G. Dawson/J. Moore.
Police v. Kitchener, Boundary St. 3.30 p.m. Ref. S. F. Bradley; Lines: J. D. Jones/F. A. Barretto.

3rd Div. League: RAF v. Club Navy 2 p.m. Ref. S. Y. Kwok; Lines: F. R. Prallott/Wong Wah-ky.
Junior Shield: KMB v. S.C. 1.45 p.m. Ref. S. Y. Kwok; Lines: R. H. Lane/S. E. Matthews.

Gymnastic v. REME, Boundary St. 1.45 p.m. Ref. W. Sanders; Lines: P. Manson/A. McIntosh.

RAF v. Club Navy, AFS, H.V. 3.30 p.m. Ref. R. K. N. Tam; Lines: Liu Ting-ai/Y. C. Mak.
Talkoo v. Dodwell, H.V. 3.30 p.m. Ref. D. P. Lai; Lines: Wong King-chung/Ng Yue-wai.

Telephone v. CMB, H.V. 3.30 p.m. Ref. Cheung Yan-sing; Lines: Li Ping-pai/N. N. Tam.
2nd Div. League: Jordon RAMC (PP from 13/10/56), H.V. 2 p.m. Ref. F. W. Bates/O'Brien; Lines: F. W. Bates/Digby Lee.

3rd Div. League: Hollandia v. RIL (PP from 13/10/56), H.V. 2 p.m. Ref. R. K. N. Tam; Lines: Luk Tat-sun/Mak Hin-tang.

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1st Div. League: Sing Tan v. Eastern, Club 3.30 p.m. Ref. Webb; Lines: A. Cameron/F. J. Kirkham.

2nd Div. League: CAA, Navy 3.30 p.m. Ref. L. Chang; Lines: R. Sparks/A. A. James.

Army v. St. Joseph's, Boundary St. 3.30 p.m. Ref. S. U. Woo; Lines: A. H. R. Tucker/Liu Ting-ai.

Junior Shield: Tung Wah v. Army, Navy 1.45 p.m. Ref. W. Bates; Lines: Lai Shiu-wing/Luk Tat-sun.

Aircraft v. South China, Club 1.45 p.m. Ref. J. Moore; Lines: S. Y. Kwok/Mak Hin-tang.

Watsons/Police v. St. Joseph's, Boundary St. 1.45 p.m. Ref. F. A. Barretto; Lines: F. A. Barretto/Chan Ping-tak.

2nd Div. League: B. & S. v. Tramways (PP from 14/10/56), H.V. 3.30 p.m. Ref. Li Ping-pai; Lines: Li Fook-on/Chan Man-ying.

3rd Div. League: Caroline Hill v. S. & S. Tamar (PP from 14/10/56), H.V. 2 p.m. Ref. E. G. S. Loy; Lines: Chan Shiu-chuen/Hui Suk-wai.

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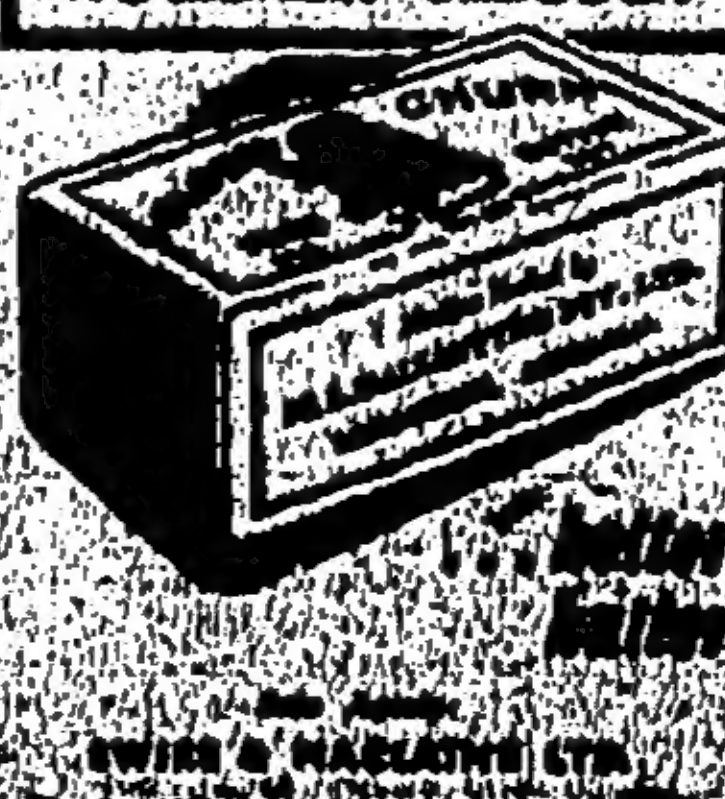
THE GAMBOLS



Barry Appleby



GOLDEN CHURN



Soccer

Italians Beat 9-3 By Crack Hungarian Side

Catalan, Italy, Dec. 16. Italian (Rome) beat Hungary (Budapest) 9-3 in a friendly match at the Stadio Olimpico in Rome.

The Club team, which included the famous Hungarian players, was defeated by the Italian side, who were coached by the Italian national team.

HOME RUGGER

National Rugby Union, London, Dec. 16. An Oxford University rugby team, who were defeated by a team from the University of Cambridge.

MELBOURNE GAMES REFLECTIONS

PSYCHOLOGICAL FACTORS
SET THE RAZOR'S EDGE OF
DEFEAT OR VICTORY

Says ROGER BANNISTER

Apart from the atmosphere of friendliness so successfully created by Australia, there were two outstanding features of the Melbourne Games.

First, the incessant, irresistible surge of record-breaking, with seventeen new records in the 24 men's athletic events, and new records in all nine women's events; second, Britain's amazing recovery in all-round sporting ability, which enabled us to gain five Gold Medals compared with only one at Helsinki four years before.

The fact that Russia led America in the final bullion count will at any rate prevent the reputation of one international incident at Helsinki. Here the Russians kept a most elaborate scorebook, event by event. When they started losing to America, an enterprising journalist who saw them hastily dismantling it, captioned: "Russians caught with their pants down."

The Russians won twelve Gold Medals in a day with their gymnastics and Greco-Roman wrestling. Even allowing for a natural bias, I hardly think these medals rank equal in importance with the medals for athletics.

By comparison, the Russians' much-vaunted men's track teams gained only three medals, against America's fifteen. Outstanding athletes are not turned out by any training machine. Russia, on the other hand, excelled at the sports in which painstaking drilling is essential, and also in the team games. But it was amusing to see their soccer team completely at a loss when they faced a situation not described in the textbooks. This was when eight Indonesian players stuck round their own goal the whole game. Most British Third Division teams would have improvised tactics to meet the situation; the Indonesians forced the Russians to a stalemate. But by thinking about it for two days, the Russians won the replay 4-0.

PARTISANSHIP

The Australian crowd set out with the idea of applauding all victors equally, but after a few days, of course, a little partisanship crept in at the sight of an Australian vest. The schoolgirls behind me shrieked "Betty, you

beaut!" whenever Betty Cuthbert as much as put a foot on the track; but perhaps Baron de Coubertin would forgive them. In the men's sprints there was a fall in the record-breaking and I have no doubt that the curve of sprint improvement, being less affected than distance running by new training methods, is flattening out. Soon we shall time sprint races in hundredths of a second instead of tenths.

For the first time for more than twenty years no coloured sprinter finished in the first three in the 100 Metres, shanking the myth that they are inherently faster.

In the 400 Metres the misjudgment of a hopelessly fast first half of the race cost Lou Jones, the world record-holder, the Gold Medal. Many races were influenced by this loss of judgment under the increasing nervous strain of Olympic competition.

BEST PERFORMANCE

Derek Johnson's race in the 800 Metres against the great American, Tom Courtney, ranks with Brashear's steeplechase as the Best performance of the Games, and has something of the same significance. Johnson, by combining outstanding natural ability with tactical and competitive sense, re-established the British claim to produce great middle-distance runners, which has waned slightly since Tommy Hampson won our last 800-Metre Gold Medal in 1932.

I shall never forget the moment when, eighty yards from the tape, Johnson courageously seized the opportunity to fling himself into the narrow gap of daylight that opened suddenly between A. Boyson and Court-

ney. The American, using his 180 lb. to advantage, hauled back the four-foot lead, inch by inch, and twenty yards from the tape the two fighters were level, every muscle taut, their strength fading with each stride. It was Johnson who told the toiling and disbelieving Courtney that he had won, and gave him friendly but unsteady support. This pair rank with the greatest half-milers of all time.

The 3,000 and 10,000 Metres showed that the mantle of Zatopek has fallen on Kuts. I disagree with those who say Kuts is necessarily a better runner than Zatopek because he has broken Zatopek's Olympic records. Times do not make the runner. Zatopek ran fast enough to shake off his opposition at Helsinki in most devastating fashion; what more can we ask?

I have a feeling of sadness that Zatopek's record should be eclipsed by a less colourful personality who cannot, in Zatopek's masterly way, take stock not only of the other competitors but also of the crowd. Zatopek was, after all, the originator of the punishing training that Kuts follows. Like so many inventors he has seen others gain greater benefit from his invention than he did himself. I do not wish to detract from the magnificence of Kuts's victory, and we have certainly not heard the last of him, but I wonder whether he will live as vividly in our memories as Zatopek or Nurmi.

Few spectators realise the margin of improvement that must be expected in these distance races. The ultimate limit must be at least 20 to 30 seconds faster than the 5,000 Metres we saw in Melbourne, and even more in the 10,000 Metres. Brashear showed that it is still possible for the truly amateur to win a Gold Medal in the men's distance track events, but the runner who aspires to defeat Kuts must not only have great natural ability, he must train with frightening dedication. As for the women, for whom rigorous and scientific training is in its infancy, we must expect a margin of improvement in all events far greater than that of the men.

FIELD EVENTS

In the field events there was a ray of hope that may encourage others to give more attention to these Cinderellas of British athletic endeavour. Mark Tharrah excelled his previous best performance by 4 ft. in the Discus, to win fourth place among the world's strong men. No British athlete has had better than sixth place in this event since 1896.

Watching countless Olympic races recently has heightened my belief that so far as they can be separated, there is much less difference between the physical ability of various athletes than in their mental strength. The quality needed by the victors is the capacity for mental excitement which brings with it the ability to overcome or ignore the discomfort—even pain—of a supreme effort. It is the psychological factors that set the razor's edge of defeat or victory, and determine how close an athlete approaches to the absolute limit of performance. (COPYRIGHT)

SHE FAILED TO QUALIFY



This is Ann Morton, Britain's Olympic swimmer, who failed to qualify for the 100 Metres Butterfly Stroke final at Melbourne. — Central Press Photo.

Sponge Table Tennis Bat
Is On The Way Out
—Back To Rubber Now

By ERIC NICHOLLS

Sponge, that peculiar type of rubber which produces a plip and a plop, and which has been welded with such force and with favourable results by the ladies and gentlemen of Japan, is on the way out.

Since its introduction to table tennis it has caused more arguments than anything the game has ever known.

Three times the International Federation has been presented with strongly-worded resolutions calling for its abolition. Three times they have passed the buck straight back to the individual member countries.

Those who claim to be "in the know" have not been reluctant to proclaim their views to the table tennis world, that sponge would die a natural death after the novelty had worn off.

But sponge, although no longer a novelty, is still very much in evidence. Then why is it on the way out?

The English table tennis authorities, having compared the plip and the plop of sponge with the ping and the pong of plumped rubber, have decided that sponge is not exactly what the doctor ordered.

And their views have been formed after a swift piece of mental arithmetic which has revealed a decided drop in attendances. Sponge has taken the blame and, I feel, rightly so.

WAR ON SPONGE

Gloucestershire, leaders in the County Championship, have already declared war on sponge. The executives have decided that next season no player who uses a bat covered with anything but normal rubber will be considered for county games.

British Jockey
Wins Indian
Classic Worth
£3,075

Bombay, Dec. 16. Britain's jockey, Frankie Durr, riding Titwillow, today won the Indian One Thousand Guineas—first of the seasons five classics—worth £3,075.

Titwillow (Willoughton—Thill) started at eight to one and finished a length ahead of Ventral (nine to two) in the field of twelve Indian bred fillies.

Freemantle, favourite at three to one, was one and three quarters of a length further away third.—Reuter.

Sports Diary

TODAY

Men's "C" Division: Chung Cheong v St. Stephen's.
Ladies Doubles: CYMCA v YWCA.
COC "Yellow" v Rovers "White".
Retrols "Blue" v COC "Green".
Hockey.
Macao v Army XI (Charity game in Macao).

TOMORROW

Summer League: KEM v Midweek (City) 3 p.m.
Call.
Ladies' Target Cup Competition.
Third Round of 1956.

WEDNESDAY

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SPORTS ROUND-UP

Bert Trautmann Will Have
To Fight To
Regain His Place

Bert Trautmann, Manchester City's German-born goalkeeper, practically fit again after breaking his neck in last May's Cup Final, will have to fight to regain his place in the League side.

Croydon-born John Savage for whom City paid Halifax £4,000 in November, 1955, is playing so well, the board is likely to be split when the time comes to decide.

Charles Hurley, Millwall's heavy-weight, will fight Nino Valdes at Paris Court on February 19. If Valdes beats the Gascon Rehabilitation Centre at Watford for treatment that will complete his recovery from a knee injury that has kept him out of football for over two months. Hurley, who is still on National Service, would be in the hands of George Brown, brother of Roy Brown, Watford's centre-half, at Garston.

Gillingham are one club who do not agree with the playing of League games under floodlight. Gillingham cannot afford lights themselves, and think it unfair to expect their players to go away and play under the lights. Gillingham played one floodlit league game at Brentford in September, when they lost by a last-minute goal. Since then they have refused all offers of floodlit League games.

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Romulo Greene, Wimbledon speedway promoter, has put a scheme forward for consideration by his fellow promoters that would leave speedway with only one division for next season. Mr. Greene's idea is for each club to have two teams of four riders, each team being of equal strength. The two teams would race home and away on the same night. (London Express Service). (COPYRIGHT)

Auxiliary Fire
Service Orders

No. 47. Orders by Mr. Ailsa Drumm, Superintendent, Auxiliary Fire Service, of December 15, 1956.

Enrolment—Recruit (K) Chan Lee-chow, Recruit (HK) Ho Hoo-kyung, Recruit (HK) Tang Cho-ying, Recruit (K) Wong Young-tat w.e.f. 11.12.56.
Public Holiday—December 25 and 26 being public holidays, the training programme for these days is hereby cancelled.
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Same Players Who Beat
India Will Face Aussies
On December 26-28

Perth, Australia, Dec. 17.

The same four players who saw action in the 4-1 victory over India in the Inter-Zone final will represent the United States in the Davis Cup challenge round matches against Australia, the non-playing captain, Billy Talbert, announced today.

Vic Seixas, Herb Flam, Sam Giammalva and Mike Green were chosen to meet the defending champion Aussies at Adelaide, from December 26 to 28.

Meanwhile, Harry Hopman, non-playing captain of the Australian team, revealed that his four-man squad would consist of Lew Hoad, Ken Rosewall, Ashley Cooper and Neale Fraser—virtually the same line-up that reclaimed the Cup from the Yanks last year at Forest Hills, New York.

Talbert indicated that he would use Seixas and Flam in the opening singles matches against the Aussies and then team Seixas with Giammalva in the doubles.

WORKOUTS

"However, I might switch the boys around, especially in the doubles, but, that will depend

on what form they show during workouts at Adelaide," said Talbert.

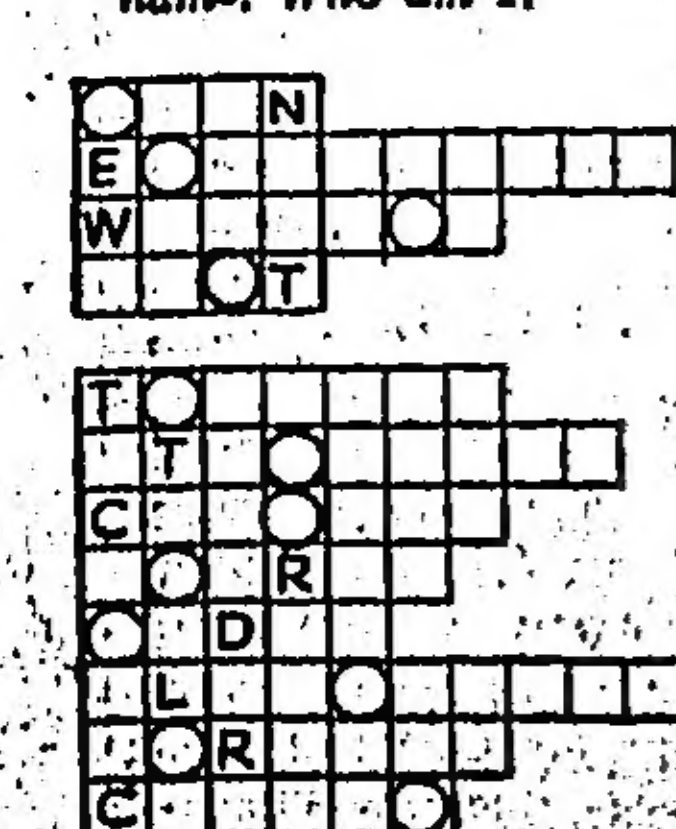
The U.S. team is scheduled to leave here by plane tonight for Adelaide and will start working out for the challenge round on Tuesday. The Aussie team also is expected to report to Hopman in Adelaide on Tuesday.

In the final two Inter-Zone singles matches played yesterday, Ramanathan Krishnan saved India from a complete whitewash by defeating Green 7-6, 6-4, 6-3. Giammalva presented the US with its fourth victory in the best-of-five series by routing Nares Kumar 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.—United Press.



NAMESAKES

INSTRUCTIONS: Fill in the spaces against each of the clues below with a word related to my life. The letters in circles spell out my name. Who am I?



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- 2 Amusecs
- 3 Marriage
- 4 Writes verse
- 5 Playhouse
- 6 Midlands town
- 7 This pie
- 8 Such a garden?
- 9 English forest?
- 10 Dramatist
- 11 Famous castle
- 12 Happy story

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JUTE — THE FIBRE WITH A HUNDRED USES

By S. H. GORDON-BOX

IT is almost certain that the bread on your breakfast table, the vegetables and even the condiments on your plate at lunch, the sugar in your coffee and the coffee itself have been transported and stored in jute bags or sacks. And it does not stop there.

The carpet or linoleum you are walking on has a jute cloth foundation, and your arm-chair has many yards of jute material beneath its smart exterior of velvet or moquette.

In fact, if it were not for jute, we should all find life a lot more difficult than it is, for up to now there is no complete and adequate substitute to take its place.

Jute in its original state is a vegetable fibre obtained from the bark of a tall, reed-like plant grown in Pakistan and India by thousands of peasant cultivators. The total annual yield from approximately 1,250,000 hectares is in the region of 10,000,000 bales, and 65 per cent of this total comes from Pakistan.

In a rather whirlwind tour of Dundee jute mills recently I watched the bulk of com-pressed jute fibre being trans-ferred from harsh brown blocks into woven cloth of many different weaves and weights.

The processes, to the layman, are not unlike those employed in the manufacture of woollen cloth, except that the machines have been specially designed for the harsh and enormously strong jute fibre.

The fibres are first softened and then passed through a number of carding machines until the jute flows out in a continuous stream of fine golden hair-like the tresses of a well-groomed film star. Later on it is spun into yarn of various thicknesses, and when it has been through a starch solution and carefully dried, it is ready to go to the weaving shed, where the newest automatic looms, both flat and tubular, weave the yarn into miles of jute cloth of many widths and textures.

MODERNISATION

Incidentally since the war, an enormous sum of money has been spent on modernisation throughout the industry with the result that Britain is now in the forefront of the world's jute industries for efficiency and production.

At a later stage of my tour I saw the jute cloth being turned into many different kinds of sacks and bags.

I had an impression of a veritable endless flow of cloth being cut into lengths, of seam stitching of many types being done with lightning speed by hundreds of sewing machines, and of huge piles of sewn bags passing one by one every second through the printing machines where they received the stamp, in as many as four colours, which proclaimed their ultimate purpose — sugar, poultry, food, fertiliser, cattle feed or dog meal.

The qualities of jute which have made it the world's principal carrier may be summed up in the virtues of the ordinary jute sack — its long life, ease of repair, its ability to stand up to heavy abrasion, the rigours of weather, and its quality of

allowing its contents to "breathe". But even with these virtues continual research must be carried out to widen its uses and to make it serve its users better.

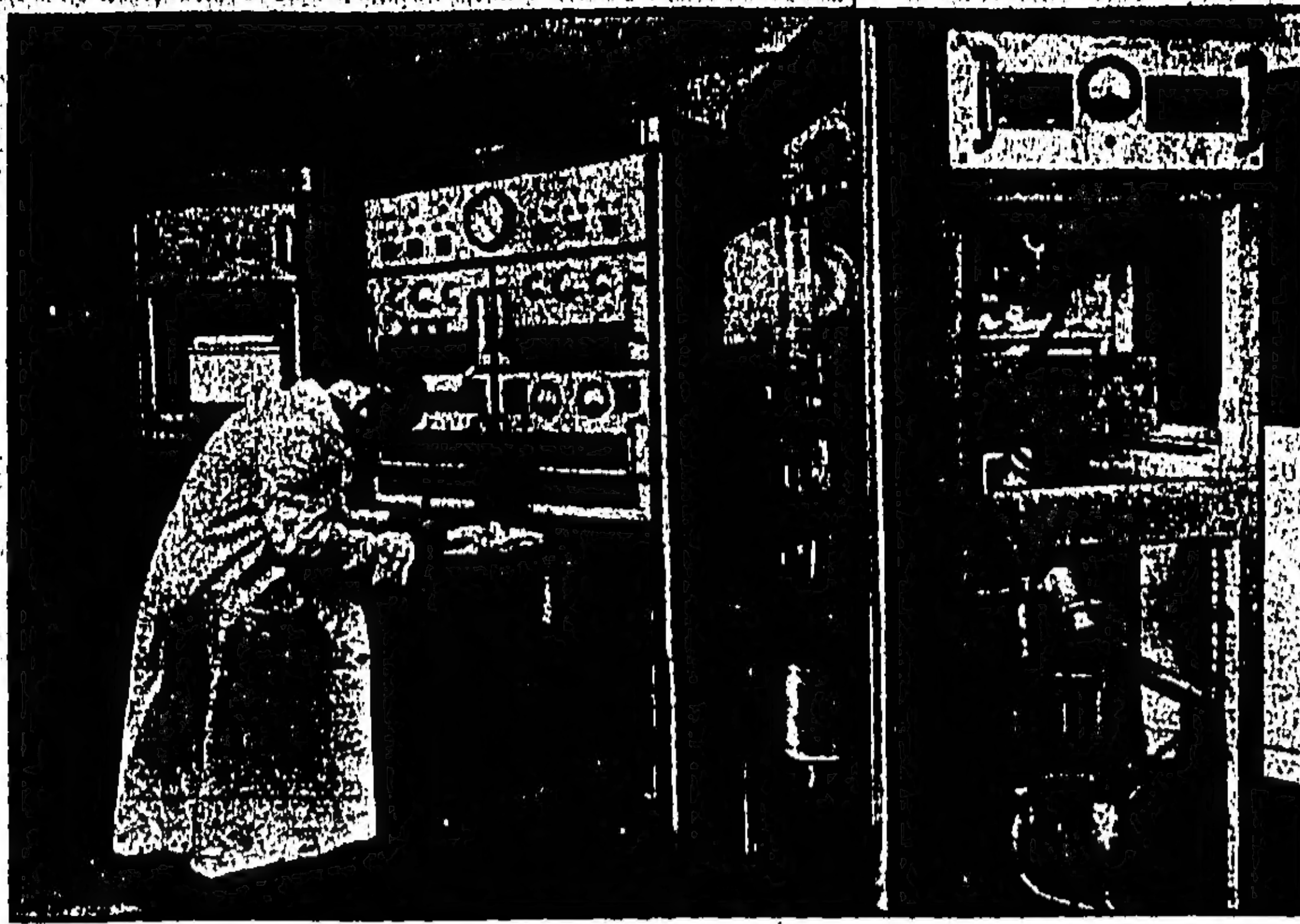
FIRE-PROOFING

Before I left Dundee I paid a short visit to the laboratories of the British Jute Trade Research Association. There I saw a few of the problems to which answers have been found.

Fire-proofing, which not only improves its weathering qualities but increases its resistance to abrasion, can be carried out on a very large scale, for coal mines, which need about 4,000,000 metres of cloth annually, for rick covers, railway wagon covers, and for scenery for theatres and film sets.

Not proofing is a more complicated technique for it has to be done with regard to the crops or produce with which the bag comes into contact. In the samples I saw several anti-rattling solutions were being tried out.

New machines and new methods and continual research have meant that in jute spinning alone the output per man has increased by 37 per cent during the past seven years. Jute, which has long been one of the world's great commercial fibres, possesses today a greater versatility than ever before.



A Metropolitan-Vickers mass spectrometer, type MS2, in use at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell, for routine isotopic abundance measurements and gas analysis. Every research and production establishment in the United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority now employs one or more mass spectrometers made by Metropolitan-Vickers.

Rock Drilling Equipment For Argentina

An order for nearly \$500,000-worth of air compressors and ancillary equipment was obtained last year by The Climax Rock Drill & Engineering Works, Ltd., from IAPA, the Argentine Government's official buying agency, for use in the state-sponsored industrial expansion programme.

Before the order, which was won against strong competition from the U.S., Germany and Sweden, could be filled, the

anti-Peronista revolution broke out, and some doubt existed whether the industrial programme would go forward.

However, the IAPA is meeting its commitments, after which it will close down and future buying will be restored to private enterprise.

The main order is for 65 type C40A and 200 F80A portable air compressors, and the ancillaries include trench pumps, stoppers and drifters.

The type C40A has a piston displacement of 197 ft³ (5.57 m³) per min, with a free air delivery of 160 ft³/min at 100 lb/in² (4.52 m³ at 7 kg/cm²).

This compressor is powered by a Perkins P6 engine.

The F80A compressor has a piston displacement of 394 ft³ (11.18 m³) per min, and a free air delivery of 315 ft³/min at 100 lb/in² (8.9 m³ at 7 kg/cm²). This model is driven by a Leyland 0800 diesel.

The equipment is being used on civil engineering work, such as quarrying, road-making, and bridge construction and repair.

Climax equipment is already well known in the Argentine, where the company's agents are Merx Argentina SA of Buenos Aires.

Britain's Contribution To Development Of Ferrites

By FRANK CLAWES

PROBABLY few people could, if challenged, say what ferrites are, but few people, too, in Europe and America at least, do not possess some or have never been served by them.

Ferrites are a particular species of magnetic material. Now magnetic materials have long been known and used. The earliest Chinese civilisations are believed to have been acquainted with lodestones and the great sea voyages of medieval European merchants were made possible by crude magnets of this kind. These "natural" magnets were metallic and so conducted electricity.

Scientific developments depend upon high frequency electrical currents—particularly the whole range of radio television and radar. Hence the importance of ferrites.

So much for what ferrites are. What are they used for? Well, anyone who has a television set has some ferrites. Used around the neck of the tube the ferrites focus the beams which produce the pictures.

The new materials—ferrites—are artificial compounds of ferric oxide with the oxide of another suitable metal; manganese, nickel, and zinc are most commonly used. The ferrites have the same magnetic properties as the old lodestones but, in addition, they have a high resistance to electrical current. This resistance they owe to the fact that they are not metallic; they are, in fact, a ceramic material, very hard, and made up of tiny cube-shaped crystals.

Ferrites should soon help to shorten the length of the tube—an important step because it is the length of the tube that now largely governs the present size of the television cabinet.

Looking further ahead one could forecast the eventual replacement of the cathode ray tube for viewing if only a ferrite transparent to light could be evolved.

Ferrites are also used in digital computers or electronic brains as they are sometimes called.

Current Losses

Now it is precisely in this peculiar combination of properties—magnetic on the one hand and insulating on the other—that the great value of the ferrites lies. For as soon as you want to make use of the magnetism of natural magnetite in an electrical circuit you are faced with the problem that you have got conductivity as well. For certain purposes this may not matter and for others it may perhaps be overcome by insulation.

But if the current is operating at a high frequency the problem is not so easily overcome; it is more than likely that there will be eddy current losses (losses of induced current) and there will be skin effect (a reduced surface impedance to flow). But, of course, many of the newest

Computers such as the "Pegasus" or "Mercury" models have thousands of ferrite rings in each matrix used as a memory cell. Each ring can be put in a permanent state of "registering" type, or "no" to a signal and the information thus stored can be read off by the simple process of passing an electric current and seeing what happens.

For Pocket Radio

Ferrites can also be used in mid-range radio receivers. Thanks to the discovery of ferrites in place of valves pocket radio sets became possible; but making reliable aerials and pocket radio could be given either an efficient aerial that was too large to carry in the pocket or an aerial that would go in the pocket but was far from efficient.

Ferrite aerial rods, however, can offer both efficiency and size commensurate with real pocket radios.

There are countless other uses in radar and, of course, many secret applications in the sphere of guided missiles.

What is clear is that the possibilities of this extraordinary material are by no means exhausted and it will be a principal aim of the convention to throw light on the avenues of study along which research work is proceeding.

The manufacture of ferrites is now a matter of some economic significance. Because ferrites are not classifiable components in the conventional sense it is difficult to assess their monetary worth.

But one British firm alone is producing ferrites in hundreds of millions a year (it must be remembered that a single memory cell might contain several thousand ferrite rings), and a useful export trade is being built up.

ANDREWS TOLEDO CENTENARY

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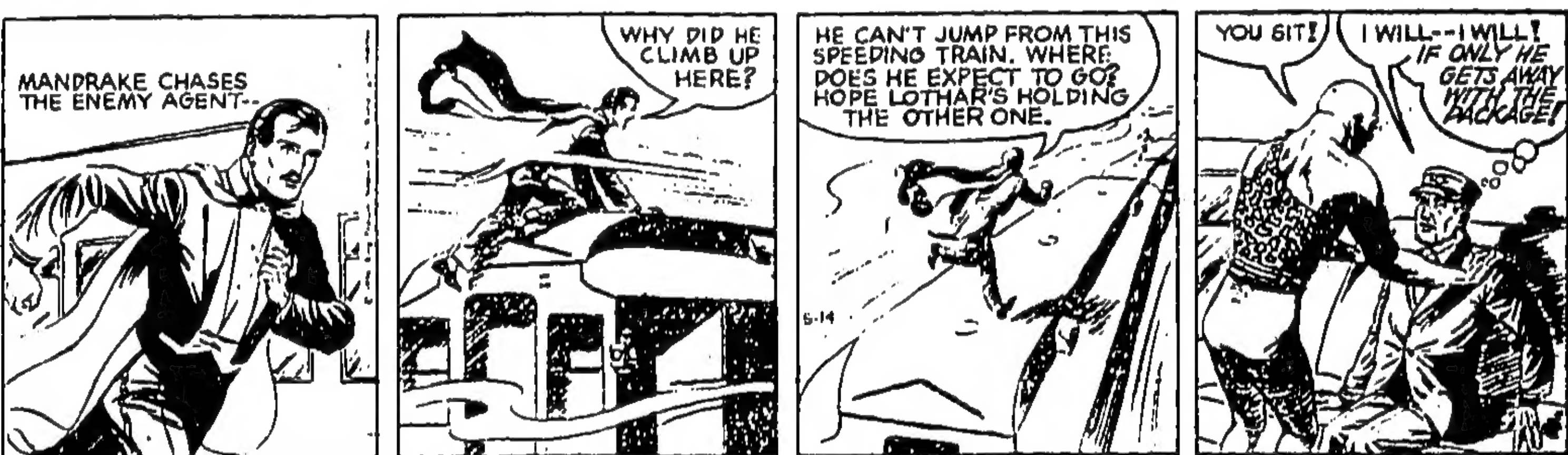
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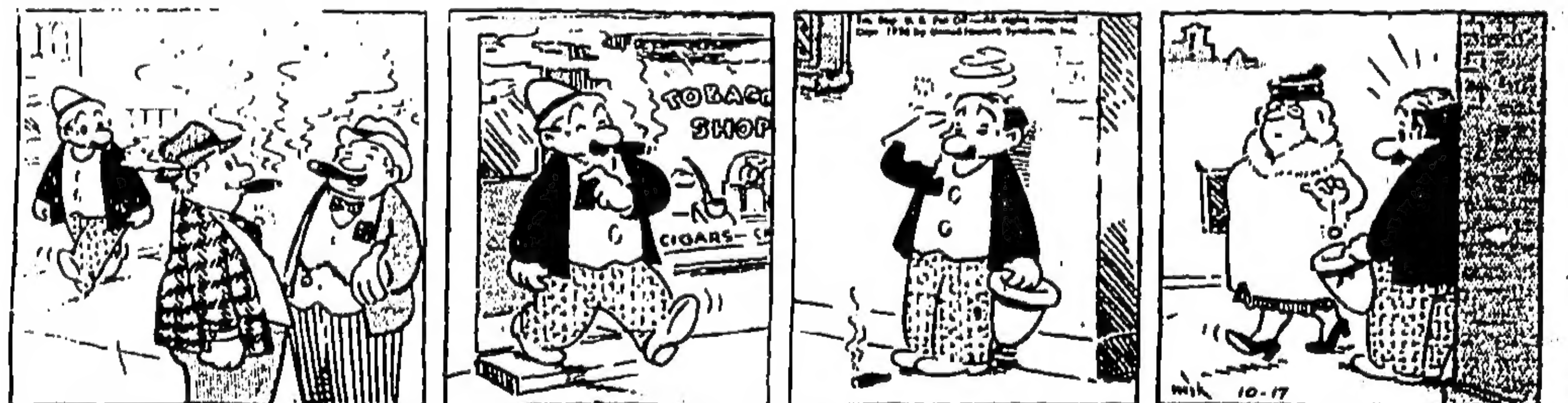
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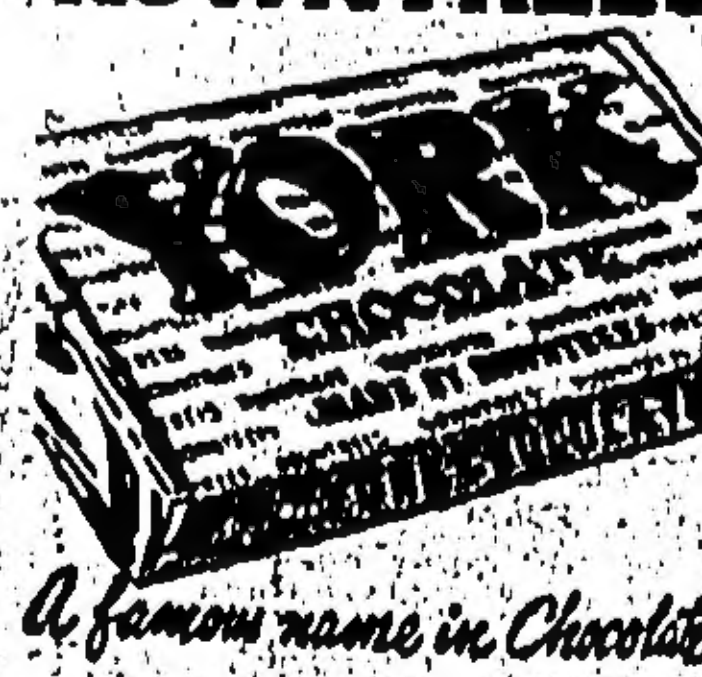


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MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1956

One Of The Orchestra's Best Concerts To Date

Last night's concert by the Hongkong Concert Orchestra at the Ritz was one of the best which this body has given to date.

The packed audience was in a merry and receptive mood, and the general atmosphere was most pleasant. A huge Christmas tree, and the large-sized Father Christmas wandering among the tables, added to the festivity.

However, apart from external, it can be said that the orchestra gave a very good account of itself. None of the items was outside its scope, and members of the orchestra were placed in positions from which all could see Mr. Ardy's clear and steady beat, and the resulting unanimity was striking.

The balance was better than on previous occasions, and there was some very good individual playing, notably from Mr. Ray Alarcon on the piccolo, Mr. G. E. Horabin on the oboe and from the first trumpeter when ever he had a solo.

Mention must also be made of the dexterity of Mr. Poole on the xylophone and various other percussion instruments, Mr. Ray del Val on the accordion in which he deserved his cello in the "Spanish Colour" number, and Mr. Fred Carpio on the guitar.

RICH TONE

Outstanding, however, was the rich tone of the violins. Particularly in the "Valse Mealey," the violins achieved a warmth and sonority never yet heard from this combination.

On the debut side, the tone of the orchestra as a whole is inclined to be rather unvaried. It plays with spirit and a swing, but always on the loud side, and there is hardly any shading of tone; nor was there a real "pianissimo" or quiet passage, except the opening of the "Homage," which was most effective. This is largely due, of course, to the nature of the

items, which were all gay, festive and vigorous. The inclusion of one or two quieter and more lyrical works would be an advantage for future occasions; perhaps a number for strings only could be considered.

THE VOCALISTS

The pleasant-voiced singers in the vocal items were Miss Beryl North, Miss Iris Bass and Mr. John Bass, and as usual the audience had its chance to take part in the "Gay Nineties" singing. Finally came the community carols and "Auld Lang Syne," which brought the audience to its feet with crossed arms in the traditional manner.

The detailed programme was as follows: March, "Passing of the Regiment," arranged by Aubrey Winter; Overture to "Chal Romano" by Kestelbey; Valse Medley; two xylophone solos; music from "The King and I" and "Oklahoma"; "Spanish Colour" ("La Campesita" and "El Relicario"); "Snowflakes" by Frederick Charrasin; and medleys of dances, songs and carols: a good send-off to the Christmas season.—X.X.

Binoculars Stolen

A pair of binoculars was stolen from a private car parked in Queen's Road, Central, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. yesterday.

Paris, Dec. 16. Gomulka, First Secretary of the Polish Workers (Communist) Party, will be a candidate in the forthcoming parliamentary elections, the Polish PAP news agency reported today. PAP said that Gomulka would stand as candidate in Warsaw.—France-Press.

DEATH OF MR EZRA ABRAHAM

One of Hongkong's best known personalities — Mr Ezra Abraham — passed away at midday today in the St Paul's Hospital after an illness.

The late Mr Abraham, who was 76 years of age, was born in Hongkong.

He received his education at Queen's College and after school went into banking. After some years, however, he decided to enter the Stock Market and with the late Mr. Tester, established the broking firm of Tester and Abraham.

He retired from active business two years ago.

A founder-member of the Kowloon Cricket Club, Mr Abraham was successively Vice-President and President over a period of more than 20 years. When he resigned from the Presidency two years ago he was elected the club's first Vice-President.

The late Mr Abraham was for many years a prominent member of the St John Ambulance Brigade.

As a sportsman he was known in his younger days as a proficient tennis player and later he took a deep interest in racing. He was an old member of the Hongkong Jockey Club and with the late Mr. Tester, and then with the late Mr. Frank Goodwin, ran a string of ponies. The Tiger, The Wolf and The Dingo were three of his notable racers.

Mr Abraham was a life member of both the Kowloon Cricket Club and the Hongkong Cricket Club. He was largely instrumental in the quick rehabilitation of the KCC clubhouse and grounds. He also donated the Ezra Abraham Liberation Shield for which the KCC and KBCC meet annually at lawn bowls.

Mr Abraham leaves a widow, a sister, four nephews and two nieces to mourn his death.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I had every bit of my shopping done before Thanksgiving — now I can't catch the Christmas spirit!"

Radio H.K. and Rediffusion

H.K.T. 5.30, "Talking about Teaching" (H.K.T.S.) Ages and Stages—Five to Eleven. The Primary School—Taking it all round. 5.55, Stock Market Report. 6.55, Time Signal. Programme Summary. 6.57, Popular Harmony. 6.59, Classical Requests presented by Aileen Dekker. 6.59, Weather Report. 7. Time Signal and the News. 7.05, Commentary or Stop Press Item. 7.15, Melodies and Memories (H.K.T.S.). James Turner and his Orchestra with Frederick Harvey, Doris Gambell, John Mitchell and BBC Chorus. 7.45, "Talking about Books." "Memories by Elsie Barrymore." "A little bit of Sings by Elaine Tervis. Reported by Eric O'Neill Shaw. 8. "My Fair Lady." Percy Faith and his

Orch. Play Selection from the Popular Musical play by Lermer and Loewe. 8.30, Colony Jazz Club. Music by Les and Produced by Ray Hamilton. 8.45, Lorenzo. (Piano) Frank Fumeka (Bass) Terry Miles (Drums) Ray Cordell (Drums) Rudi Soun (Guitar) Howard Chan (Clarinet). 9. Time Signal. The News and Home News from Britain. 9.15, "Lecture Notes for Two" Ernesto Lecocq at the Piano; A Story by Eithen Chow (Soprano) With Piano accompaniment by Moira Rea Compiled by Chi Li Chung. Hongkong. Ombr. Fu (Handel). "Secrecy" (Hugo Wolf). "The Vain Suit" (Brahms). "Amour." Viens. (C. Saint-Saens). "L'Amour est un oiseau Rebelle" (Bizet). "The Moon" (Debussy). "Three Wishes" (Ravel). "Wang Tze." 9.40, Zino Francis. (Violin) Max Lesser (Piano). 10. Britain. The Shadow of the Male Voice Choir. Conductor, William Boyd (BBC/TS). 10.15, Frank Perkins and his "Shades of Blue." 10.30, Time Gown Show (BBC/TS). Peter Sellers, Harry Secombe and Spike Milligan in "The Goon Show" (last Saturday's Broadcast). 10.55, Weather Report. 11. Time Signal. Radio News Review. Goodnight Music. 11.30, Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Canteen the Music of the Night. 2.30, The Art of the Violin. 3.30, Music by Les and Produced by Ray Hamilton. 4.15, Music for Christmas. A Programme of Christmas Music. 4.30, Holiday Music. 4.30, Strictly Instrumental. 5. Children's Corner—Stories. 5.30, Monday Requests. Presented by Betty. 5.55, Birthday Mailbag. 6. 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